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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Saving Grace

IT has now become painfully evident that no positive results relating to the future of Germany and an Austrian peace treaty can be expected from the Berlin conference. That this is not surprising does not in any way lessen disappointment. The very least to be hoped for was agreement on Austria, yet it would seem that the most to be expected from the protracted discussions is a tentative decision to get some sort of talks on the Korean problem under way in the future, although even this can only be rated as a possibility. It is true that the Berlin conference has, to some extent, cleared the air. Mr. Molotov, for the first time in the course of diplomatic negotiations, has made it perfectly clear that Russia is not prepared to consider any sort of proposition from the Western powers for solving the German, Austrian, or any other European problems while the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Defence Community exist. Mr. Molotov's conditions are, of course, quite impossible, yet none will deny that he has presented his case ably, and cleverly masked his real intentions during the early stages of the discussions.

WHAT the Soviet foreign minister has failed to do is to create any division among the Big Three, and while he probably has made M. Bidault's task of obtaining French ratification of the EDC pact more difficult, there are no signs as yet that French public opinion has violently switched away from the idea of France becoming a full member of the European Defence Community. And by the same token, Mr. Molotov's fulminations are likely to harden British public opinion towards a more active participation in EDC. Mr. Molotov's designs are easily understood, but they have no likelihood of success. The Berlin discussions have proved the solidity of the Big Three on essential principles for dealing with current international problems, and despite his ingenious arguments and subtle overtures, he has made not the slightest headway in his appointed task of creating dissension among the Western powers. To the free world that is the saving grace about the Berlin conference.

MOLOTOV BREAKS UP

MEETING

Refuses To Give "Yes" Or "No" Answer

NATO AND SECURITY PACT PLAN

Berlin, Feb. 15. The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, broke up today's Big Four session to avoid giving a direct yes or no answer on whether his European security pact plan was aimed at destroying the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr. Molotov said "I suggest we close the meeting" after M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, had tried three times to get him to say whether NATO was compatible with his collective security plan.

Answering questions at a press conference, a British spokesman said Mr. Molotov had "offered us two amendments which would make his plan a good deal worse than it already is."

Mr. Molotov submitted his plan to the four-power conference here last Wednesday. The three Western Ministers turned it down at the time and after five days' further consideration, they turned it down again today.

With the conference due to end next Thursday, the four Ministers today resumed their debate on item 2 of their three-point agenda—Germany and European security—which they had previously discussed in ten sessions without making any progress.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, rejecting the Molotov plan, declared he had not come to Berlin "to apologise for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, still less to discuss its dissolution."

Any proposals made by the Soviet delegation "in our common search for security," must recognise the continued existence of NATO.

"We will not cast aside the means of assuring our own safety and freedom," Mr. Eden declared.

Mr. Eden assured Mr. Molotov if the Soviet Union were the victim of aggression, Britain would come to her aid under the terms of the Anglo-Soviet pact of 1942.

He declared that his five-point German unity plan, submitted during the first week of the three-week-old conference, provided the only basis on which

"the reunification" of Germany and a German peace treaty can be achieved. Mr. Molotov had not offered any practical alternative.

BIDAU'S PROGRAMME
M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, who spoke before Mr. Eden, offered a four-point programme as the basis of France's conception of world security.

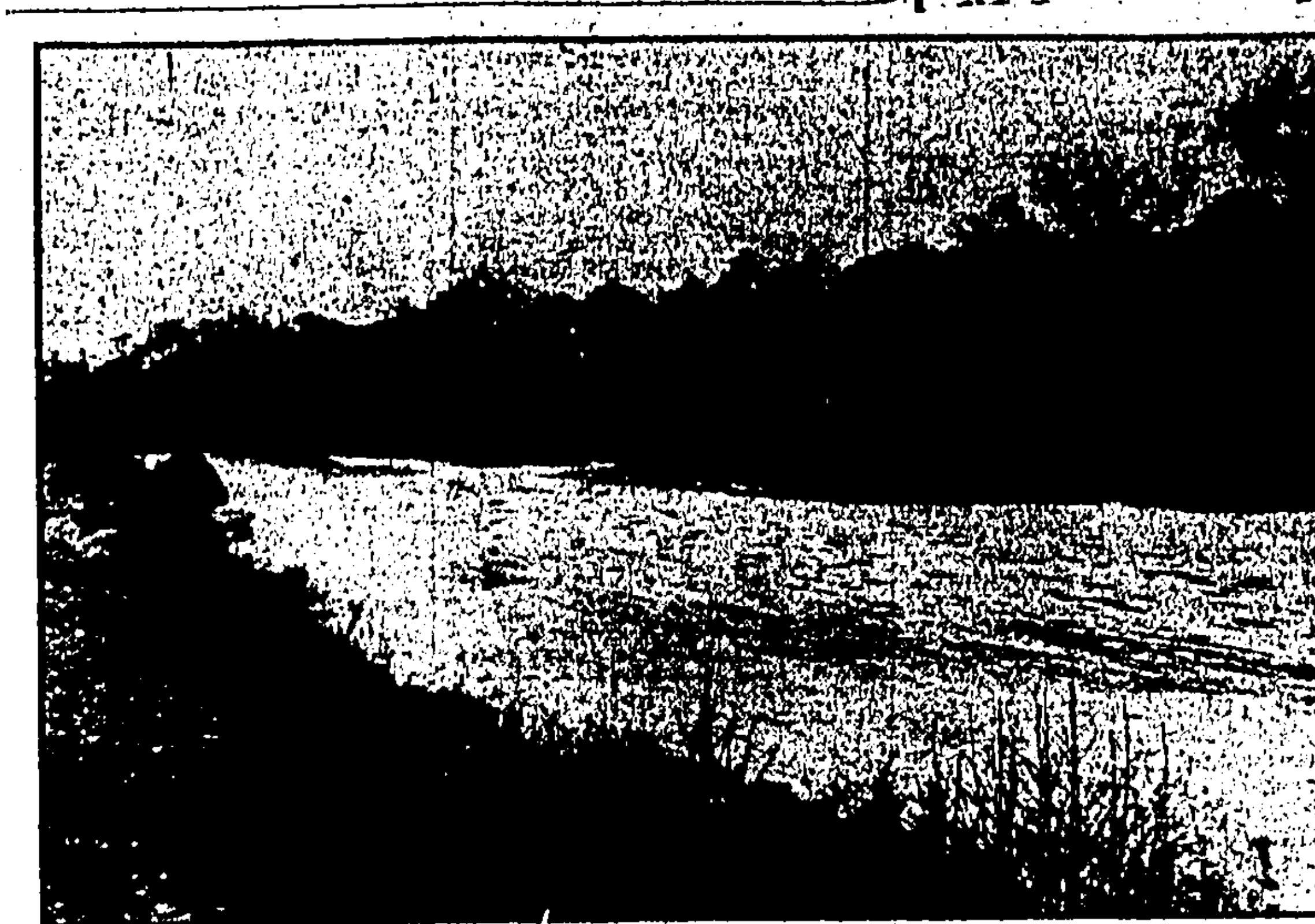
The United Nations was the world security organisation which assured collective security. There was room inside the United Nations for purely defensive regional organisations, which could not be limited as a general principle by the geographic boundaries of one continent (as suggested in the Molotov plan).

In the era of supersonic planes, there was no continental security.

A general European settlement would make an essential contribution to general security. The first step to this would be the conclusion of a German settlement and an Austrian state treaty.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, was in the chair at today's session—the 22nd—which was held in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin.

M. Bidault declared that Mr. Molotov's "Europe for the Continent" (on back page, Col. 3)



As a result of the extreme cold which hit Britain, the Thames froze up at the lock at Windsor. The ice was later broken so that boats could pass through. — London Express photograph.

The Thames Freezes Up

HK Trade Exhibitors Selling Facts About Colony To Americans

The Hongkong exhibition booth at the Washington Third International Trade Fair here now displays thousands of items from toothbrush holders to portable teakwood bars for prospective American buyers.

But Hongkong's exhibitors most of all want to sell the American people facts. These trade officials feel that if the people of the United States know about Hongkong, the sale of the Colony's merchandise in the United States will follow.

BIG THREE TABLE NEW PROPOSAL

Berlin, Feb. 15. The Western Powers tabled a new proposal at today's secret session of the Big Four here to tempt Mr. Molotov to accept their plan to break the Korean deadlock, a conference source here said.

The source declined to reveal the nature of the new proposal but said it did not move the Soviet Minister from his demand for a five-power meeting with Communist China before open scale talks on Korea could open.

The Western Powers again refused to consider the Soviet plan, which they maintain would amount to their acceptance of Communist China as a power with an equal voice with themselves in world affairs.

French sources said "some progress" was made at today's secret session. This was later interpreted by other delegates as meaning that the debate had been kept open and that by putting forward a new proposal the West has narrowed the differences.

At today's session the Ministers were understood to have touched upon the other topic they agreed to discuss in secret, Mr. Molotov's call for a world conference on disarmament.

They reached a deadlock on this proposal when it was debated in open session in the early stage of the conference, and the Western delegates have since made it clear that their Ministers would not accept it under any circumstances.

The right place for disarmament talks is the Disarmament Commission of the United Nations, and that Communist China must win its place in "this organisation" by giving proof of her peaceful intentions.

Western diplomats said that Wednesday's secret session would probably be the critical meeting for the leaders of the Big Four, and that the Western Powers would not accept the Soviet plan to break the Korean deadlock, a conference source here said.

"Above all, we want to tell the American people that Hongkong is not Communist China," says Mr. H. Owen Hughes, head of the Hongkong Exhibit Committee.

Mr. K. S. Kinghorn, Assistant Director of the Hongkong Department of Commerce and Industries, points to the falling-off of trade between Hongkong and the United States. In 1947 the Colony carried on 16.3 per cent of its total trade with the United States. But by 1953 this figure had dropped to 4.3 per cent.

Mr. Kinghorn blames much of the decline on the fact that the American people associate Hongkong with China.

The Hongkong officials and many examples of the erroneous American impression of Hongkong. Even the official trade fair programme for the opening of the fair lists the Hongkong exhibitors as "China (Hongkong)."

A Seattle newspaper, in writing of the fair, also referred to Hongkong as "China," and Life magazine and Vogue magazine both referred to fashions from "China" in recent articles on Hongkong silk apparel.

"Not one stitch of those 'exotic fashions' came from China," says Mr. Hughes.

ITEMS ON DISPLAY
Hongkong items on display at the fair include furniture, ivory carvings, stuffed toys, rag and rubber dolls, baskets and straw hats, cotton and silk textile products, leather goods, enamel ware, metal accessories and flashlights.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Kinghorn emphasised that these products were made from camphor wood from Formosa, teak from Burma, cotton from the United States and the Commonwealth, steel from the United Kingdom, raw silk from Japan, wool from the Commonwealth and other raw materials from other free nations.

The labourers who had turned these raw materials into finished products were free Hongkong subjects. Their work went on display on February 8 and will be shown with the exhibits of 21 other nations until February 24.

The Hongkong display has worked toward teaching Americans of the "free Colony's" status. Mr. Kinghorn pointed out that manufacturing in the Colony had increased tremendously, and that the Hongkong people were not Communist.

"You can't sustain two and a half million people without finding something for them to do," he said.

The Hongkong exhibitors hope to promote the sale of their products through the medium of the trade fair. They want Americans to know what Hongkong has to offer and how purchases from there can be made.

Both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Kinghorn look for an improvement in the Hongkong-United States trade situation.

They pointed out that United States State Department-Hongkong Government co-operation recently released many new products for sale in the United States.

GOOD RESULTS HOPE
The exhibitors said that the Washington Third International Trade Fair was the first time that the Hongkong Government and merchants had co-operated for a complete exhibit at an international fair. They hoped for great results.

All Hongkong officials at the fair have been impressed by what they term their "wonderful reception" at Seattle. They have found both importers and the public impressed by their Hongkong goods.

"It's a good opportunity to show Americans what Hongkong can turn out," Mr. Hughes said. And he added that the American public seemed to want to know about trade with Hongkong, the important free port of the Far East.—United Press.

STILL HOPING

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Protest Against Trade Agreement

Language Was Parliamentary, But Meaning Clear

London, Feb. 15. Union leaders representing 280,000 cotton workers today met the Board of Trade President, Mr. Peter Thorneycroft, and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Reginald Maudling, to discuss the new Anglo-Japanese trade agreement.

"We told them pretty straight—and I think they appreciated our points of view—that our great concern and anxiety is for production and employment in Lancashire," Mr. H. Bradley, Secretary of the Legislative Council of the United Textile Factory Workers' Union said afterwards.

Mr. W. Roberts, President of the Association, added "We said in more Parliamentary language that we hoped they would take damn good care at the end of 12 months not to do the same things again."

No assurances could be given to the deputation about the future, they said.

The Board of Trade had nothing to say after the meeting other than to acknowledge that the meeting had taken place.

Today's delegation of 24 members of the Executive Council of the United Textile Factory Workers' Association, travelled down from Lancashire to warn the Minister that the agreement would hit an important export trade in Commonwealth markets.

It was understood they would also tell him they regard it as a serious menace to the livelihood of the workers in the British cotton industry.

Mill workers have already protested to Mr. Thorneycroft that the industry was not consulted before the pact was signed.

They asked for assurances that the industry would be safeguarded from unfair competition.

Last week a delegation of 11 from two cotton manufacturers' associations, representing 80 per cent of the industry, saw Mr. Thorneycroft to put their protests about the pact.—Reuter.

Tragedy Of Young Bride

Scranton, Penn., Feb. 15. A young bride of nine days, expected to die "within a few months", is confined in a private hospital room in nearby Peekskill, unaware that she is suffering from leukaemia, it was disclosed today.

The patient is Mrs. Paul Chynak, Jr., 21, a private nurse, who collapsed at a Pocono Mountain resort last Monday while honeymooning with her high school sweetheart.

Her condition was first discovered by State officials, who found she suffered from the dread disease when they analyzed a sample of her blood, taken prior to her marriage, in accordance with a State law.

The officials informed Chynak, who refused to tell her and decided to go ahead with their wedding plans. They were honeymooning in Stroudsburg when she was stricken and taken to the Mid-Valley Hospital.

Doctors and newspapers have been banned from Mrs. Chynak's room for fear she will discover her condition. Friends of the bride said they had been informed by the doctors that the girl has a "few weeks to a few months to live."—United Press.

Wrong Verdict

Grantham, Feb. 15. Montreal born Barry James MacArthur died by misadventure, not suicide, it was decided here today by the second inquest to be held into his death.

The 15 year-old public school boy was found hanging by a scarf from a tree in the school grounds on November 25, last year.

An inquest ruled that he had committed suicide.

The boy's father, Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron Leader, James MacArthur, appealed against the findings.

His appeal was upheld and a new inquest ordered by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, who ruled that a different verdict might have been arrived at if further evidence had been produced.—Reuter.

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A Second Prize For Churchill?

Oslo, Feb. 15.

The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, may fulfil one of his last great ambitions—the first man in history to win two of the coveted Nobel Awards, informed sources said today.

There was no definite confirmation that Sir Winston had been nominated, but there was reason to believe that he had been for the Peace Prize.

Sir Winston could not be awarded last year's Peace Prize—one which friends believed he wanted as the capstone of a great career.

The informed sources said that the former French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, the International Olympic Committee, and the International Committee of Nurses are among the candidates for this year's Peace Prize.

M. Schuman is the pioneer of European unity and has given his name to the Coal and Steel Pact—known as the Schuman Plan. He is the only European statesman, including France and West Germany, who has been

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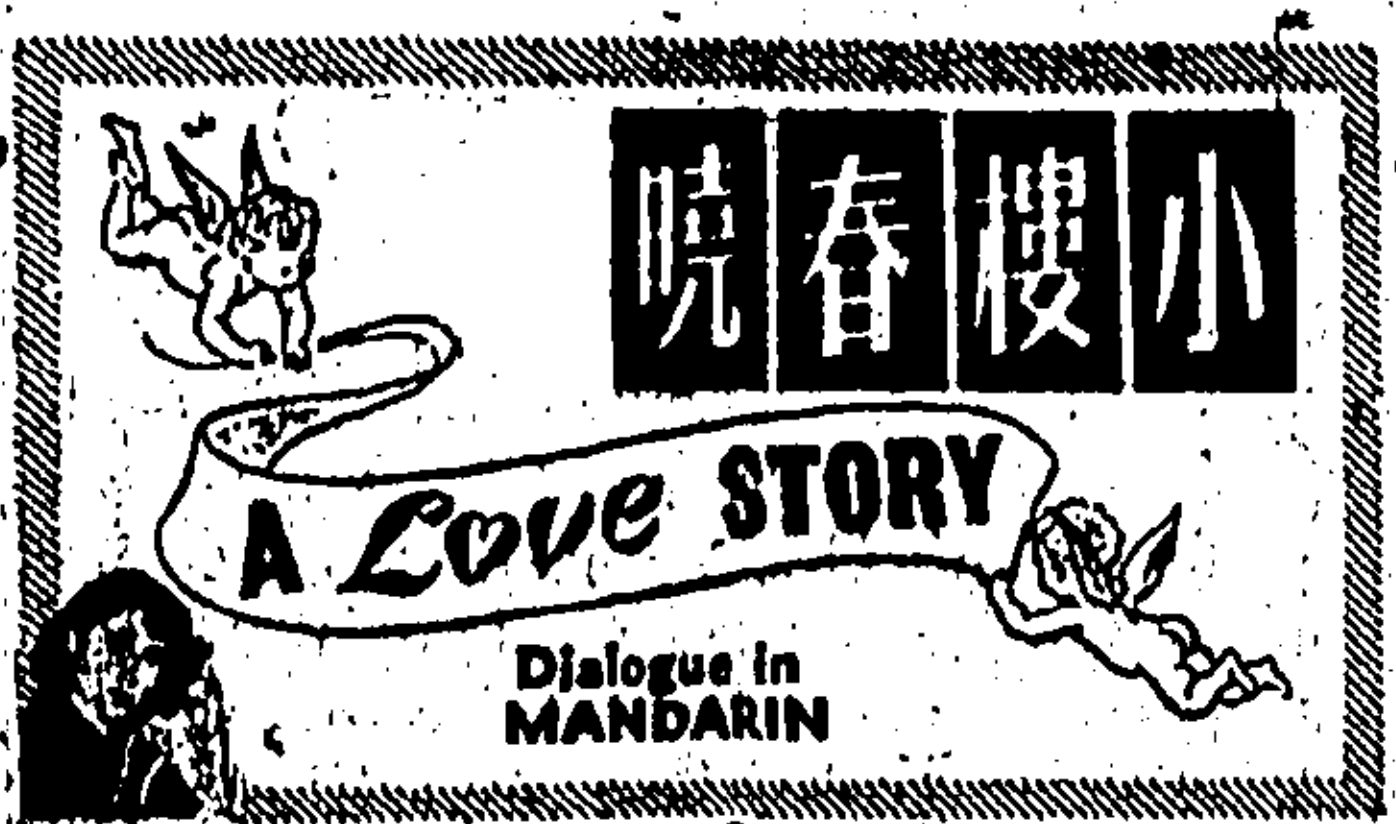
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GROWTH OF COMMUNISM SINCE 1939

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Berlin, Feb. 15.

A survey of postwar Russian gains completed this week by Western officials show that Communism now controls nearly twice the area and four times the population it had under its control before the war.

The prewar Communist area of some 8,000,000 square miles has been extended to well over 14,000,000 square miles, and the population from some 170,000,000 to more than 750,000,000.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, told the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, last week that Russia had extended her power from her own borders "until she dominated one-third of the human race."

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Lancashire Relieved:

East Africa
To Ban
Jap. Cloth

Manchester, Feb. 16.

Lancashire cotton leaders were told yesterday that East Africa is to extend its ban on imports of Japanese cloth which should have ended on May 1 to the end of this year.

Mr. A. D. Campbell, who led the United Kingdom cotton industry export team to East Africa last July, announced he had received official confirmation of the extension of the ban. Only unbleached sheet and ikat—women's undergarments—are excluded from it.

"Coming at a time when Anglo-Japanese payments agreement has cast some gloom over the industry, the announcement will be doubly appreciated," Mr. Campbell said.

The British cotton industry was conscious that in reaching their decision, East African Governments must have taken into account the large volume of orders now booked by East African importers with Lancashire firms and of the effect upon economic stability of markets through the impact on this trade of a sudden large influx of Japanese goods.

Mr. Campbell said: "The industry as a whole is very grateful to the East African Governments for adopting this conciliatory policy, and will continue efforts to help meet the needs of East African peoples to the fullest extent possible."—China Mail Special.

SOME BALANCE

London, Feb. 15.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, Mr. Harold Watkinson, said in reference to the recent Anglo-Japanese trade pact: "We must trade where we can, so long as there is some balance of advantage to us."

"Japan can only pay for goods she wants to buy from us with the sterling she earns from her sales."

"I personally believe in the balancing of trade at a high level rather than at a low level."

Mr. Watkinson, who was speaking at a dinner of window blind manufacturers, called for the creation of "a new industrial democracy" that would give the flexibility necessary for adapting industrial arrangements quickly under economic pressure.—Reuter.

"Shane" Expected To Get Award

Hollywood, Feb. 15.
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences tonight will announce nominations for this year's academy awards.

Films such as "Shane," "From Here to Eternity," and "Roman Holiday" were expected to get many preliminary honours. Among performers, Burt Lancaster as the rough Sergeant of "Eternity," was considered a favourite while British actress, Audrey Hepburn of "Roman Holiday," was a leading contender among actresses. — China Mail Special.

US Asked To Help Project In S. America

Washington Feb. 15.

American rubber manufacturers who are meeting government officials here are urging the government to find some way of continuing its support of a programme to develop a natural rubber industry in Latin America.

Some \$300,000 a year has been coming from the Foreign Operations Administration but the authorities announced that its budget for the coming fiscal year will provide funds only for that part of the programme in which Latin American governments contribute matching funds, a relatively small part of the total cost.

One suggestion is that the Office of Defence Mobilisation designate the programme as necessary to United States defence, in which case additional funds might be forthcoming from Congress.

For over a decade technicians throughout Latin America have been attempting to combine the hardy blight-resistant rubber trees, native to Brazil, with buds taken from the higher yielding trees of Southeast Asia, through bud grafting.

It is said to take anything up to eight years to bring such trees to maturity.

Technicians are encouraged by the progress made so far. —Reuter.

A Frenchman's View Of The Berlin Talks:

"No Table-banging And No Shouting"—
A Return To Diplomacy

Berlin, Feb. 15.

The Big Four foreign ministers have met and have disagreed—but it has all been so polite: no table-banging, no shouting, no unseemly brawling, the France-Press correspondent said today.

And though the West and the Soviet Union still remain poles apart, at least diplomacy has been resurrected again after so many years in the limbo of a bitterly divided world.

Perhaps it is a hopeful sign of a better world to come. Clauswitz stated that war was the extension of diplomacy in another form. For the last five years, practically the only kind of diplomacy that existed was a war—not a hot one, but a cold one.

There is the war in Indo-China. There was the blockade of Berlin and the war in Korea. The blockade has been lifted. The war in Korea is at an end. It does look as if the fires are diminishing and it is worthy of note that the only agreement visualized at this conference at the moment concerns an Asian conference at which Indo-China will be discussed.

HOPEFUL SIGN

This return to the formula of diplomatic agreements or no agreements is a hopeful sign. There have been no illusions about the conference on any side. Mr. Molotov's acceptance of the final deadline for the closing of the conference on Thursday made this point clear. He has lost no opportunity to drive home recommendations against the West for refusing to get down to facts with him, for rejecting proposals after proposals without taking time to study alternatives. —China Mail Special.

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Britain's New Look At The Mid-East

By Patrick Maitland, MP

RIGHT up to Christmas, Britain planned no reduction in its Suez base. Now Whitehall appears to be changing its mind.

The vast base—its perimeter is 200 miles—grew in the last war to support 25 divisions. Now dilapidated, it contains piled stores from India and Pakistan, mostly buried in the drifting sand.

This was blamed on lack of Egyptian labour, due to tense relations with Egypt.

So to keep the base going, fresh treaty talks seemed urgent.

Negotiations, though, were bogged down by diehards on both sides. Whitehall's hopes faded.

But the problem of running the base was unsolved and compelled re-appraisal.

The first question was: what if the base should never be needed again for forces of 25 divisions or so?

NEW VIEW

IT arose from the now accepted view of European defence: that Europe is number one danger spot, with the Middle East subordinate.

This meant that strategic reserves, including the 80,000 Suez troops, were best sited in Britain.

This argument went far then. Experts press the view that in atomic war it is questionable whether Suez has any value at all.

If Suez is valueless strategically, the need for a garrison is reduced.

However, there is still need for some troops. The Canal is

self must be patrolled. There is the indefinable requirement of prestige to be satisfied. And there is good reason to keep some stabilising force in the Middle East.

KEEPING PEACE

THEN comes the specific question of how Middle East oil can be safeguarded. This oil can be safeguarded. This oil can be safeguarded.

And the experts say Suez is not the best place from which to ensure this peace. Better than a Suez garrison for this purpose, they argue, is an armoured brigade in Libya, an airborne brigade striking force in Cyprus, and a small mobile column in Jordan.

The Suez garrison would therefore have only local duties to perform.

This appreciation assumes that Middle East oil is not the first objective in Russian plans. Since Russia is exporting oil, it seems that she has enough of it. So there is no reason to suppose she would fight for more.

And in atomic war, achieving quick decisions, oil fields might be irrelevant.

But, in peace, oil's importance is enormous. So the danger in the Middle East is of local quarrels, inflamed and perhaps openly supported by Russia, denying oil supplies to Europe.

In other words, Middle East defence is a cold war problem, not a factor in hot war. The issue in which cold war tactics might pay is Arab-Jew tension. It is also the one most difficult for the Great Powers to solve.

FLOTSAM

THE Arabs will not take any large number of refugees lest they forgo a useful lever of complaint against Israel. So a stupendous human flotsam remains.

Of 870,000 refugees, 87,000 are destitute. Daily camp rations are 1,500 calories. Thirty-thousand children are on half-rations. Another 45,000 have none at all. The death-rate is 20 per 1,000—more than 10.6 in famine-ridden India. And the birth-rate, as always among the semi-starved, is high—39.6 per thousand.

Most of them live in tents. Ten persons have twelve feet by twelve in which to live. There are no drains, no proper

sanitation. For half a million there is no work nor any prospect of it.

Sustaining these people in wretchedness costs the United Nations £2,000,000 a year. Another £3,000,000 could raise the diet to 2,000 calories. A further £3,000,000 would greatly improve accommodation and clothing.

By comparison, sustaining 80,000 British troops in an indefensible base costs the British taxpayer £80,000,000 a year.

Now that expert British opinion is concentrating on the realities of Suez, the next step in a coherent policy for the Middle East is a solution of the refugee problem.

For half Britain's Suez expense, the Jordan Valley Irrigation Scheme could thrive and give work to 300,000 hopeless people.

The Adventure of the Sealed Room concludes today

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR.

Major Earnshaw and Captain Lasher burst into the locked Curio Room of Colonel Warburton's house in Cambridge Terrace and found the colonel shot dead. His wife, Eleanor, lay wounded at his side. Asked by Eleanor's friend, Cora Murray, to investigate, Sherlock Holmes keeps vigil in the Curio Room at night, accompanied by Dr Watson and Inspector MacDonald. Watson hears a door-hinge creak.

PART THREE

THERE followed a period of complete stillness and then a stooping figure, its footsteps muffled by the carpet, whisked across the faint ray of light from the french window and vanished into the shadows immediately in front of me.

I had a fleeting impression of a high-collared cape and the dull glitter of some long, thin object grasped in a half-raised hand. An instant later, there came a gleam of light in the fireplace as though the shutter of a dark lantern had been slid back and then a gentle tapping and tinkling.

I was rising to my feet when a smothered yell rang through the room followed instantly by the sounds of a furious struggle.

"Watson! Watson!"

With a thrill of horror I recognised Holmes's voice in that half-choked cry, and plunging forward through the darkness I hurried myself upon a struggling mass that loomed suddenly before me.

A GRIP like steel closed around my throat, and as I raised my arm to force back the head of my dimly seen assailant he buried his teeth in my forearm like some savage hound. The man possessed the strength of a madman and it was not until MacDonald, having lit a gas jet, sprang to our assistance that we succeeded in mastering his struggles.

Holmes, his face strained and bloodless, leaned back against the wall, his hand clasp his shoulder where he had been hit with a heavy brass poker that now lay in the fireplace amid the splintered shards of window glass which he had placed there on our previous visit.

"There's your man, MacDonald," he gasped. "You can arrest him for the murder of Colonel Warburton and for the attempted murder of his wife."

MacDonald flung back our assailant's cape and for a moment I stared in silence before an exclamation of amazement broke from my lips. For, in that first glance, I had failed to recognise in those lowering features and vicious, baleful eyes the bronzed, handsome counte-

nance of Captain Jack Lasher.

The first streaks of dawn were glimmering through the window when my friend and I found ourselves back in Baker Street.

I poured out two stiff brandy-and-sodas and handed one to

Holmes. As he leaned back in his chair, the gaslight beside the mantelpiece, threw his keen aquiline features into bold relief and I was glad to observe that a little colour was stealing into his face.

"Really, Watson, I owe you an apology," said he. "Captain Jack was a dangerous man. How is your arm where he savaged you?"

"A little painful," I admitted. "But nothing that iodine and a bandage cannot repair. I am far more concerned about your shoulder, my dear fellow, for he gave you an ugly blow with that poker. You must allow me to look at it."

"Later, later, Watson. I assure you that it is nothing worse than a bruise," he replied, with a touch of impatience. "Well, I can confess now that there were moments tonight when I had the gravest doubts that our man would walk into the trap."

"Trap?"

"A baited trap, Watson, and had he not swallowed my dainty morsel it would have gone hard with us to bring Captain Lasher to book. I gambled on the fact that a murderer's fears will sometimes override his intelligence. And so it turned out."

"Frankly, I do not understand even now how you unravelled this case."

HOLMES leaned back in his chair and put his finger-tips together.

"My dear fellow, there was no great difficulty in the problem. Facts were obvious enough, but the delicacy of the matter lay in the need that the murderer himself should condemn them by some overt act. Circumstantial evidence is the bane of the trained reasoner."

"I have observed nothing."

"You observed everything," he said, looking at me. "In the course of Miss Murray's narrative, she mentioned that the door of the curio room was locked and yet the window curtains were not drawn, not drawn, I say, Watson, in a room where the murderer had the public street as a most unusual proceeding. You may

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recall that I interrupted Miss Murray to inquire as to Colonel Warburton's conventional habits.

"The circumstances suggested to my mind the possibility that Colonel Warburton might have been expecting a visitor and that the nature of that visit was such that either he or the caller preferred that it should occur privately by the french window rather than the front door. This elderly soldier was recently married to a young and beautiful wife and I therefore discarded the idea of a vulgar assignation."

"If I was right in my theory, then the visitor must be a man whose private interview with Colonel Warburton would be resented by some other member of the household and hence the obvious step of joining the colonel via the french windows."

"But they were locked," I objected.

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"In a room in which two shots had just been fired! It would have reeked of black powder. I knew then that no shots had been fired within the curio room."

"But the reports were heard by the household."

"The shots were fired from outside through the closed windows. The murderer was an excellent marksman and therefore conceivably a military man."

"Here, at last, was something to work upon and, later on, I received confirmation from your own lips, Watson, when having lit one of the colonel's cigars I waited until I heard you below and then fired two shots from the same calibre revolver as that which killed Warburton."

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"Quite so."

"The reason that I started when I saw the Indian was because the man was retreating through the wreckage of the far french window, while that nearer to the front door remained unbroken. As we hurried forward to the house, I observed the gap in the rockery immediately under the first window where Lasher had picked up the stone. Why, then, should he run on to the second window and smash it, unless it was that the glass bore its own story. Hence my broad hint to MacDonald of the oyster and the nearest fork."

"The groundwork of my case was complete when I sniffed the contents of Colonel Warburton's cigar box. They were Dutch, among the weakest in aroma of all cigars."

"All this is now quite clear to me," I said. "But in telling the whole household of your plans to piece together the glass of the broken window it seems to me that you were risking the very evidence on which your case was based."

HOLMES reached for the Persian slipper and began to fill his pipe with black shag.

"My dear Watson, it would have been virtually impossible for me to reconstruct those shattered panes to the degree that would prove the existence of two small bullet holes. No, it was a question of bluff, my dear fellow, a gambler's throw."

"Should somebody make an attempt to destroy still further those shards from the window, then that person was the murderer of Colonel Warburton. I showed my hand deliberately. The rest is known to you. Our man came, armed with a poker, having let himself in with the duplicate key which we discovered in his cap pocket. I think there is nothing to add."

"But the reason, Holmes," I cried.

"We have not far to look, Watson. We were told that, until Colonel Warburton's marriage, Lasher was his only relative and therefore, we may assume, his heir. Mrs. Warburton, according to Miss Murray's statement, disapproved of the younger man on the grounds of his extravagant living. It is obvious from this that the wife's influence must represent a very real danger to the interests of Captain Jack."

"ON the night in question, our man came openly to the house and, having spoken with Miss Murray and Major Earnshaw, retired ostensibly to drink a port in the dining-room. In fact, however, he merely passed through the dining-room window, which opened on the front garden, to the curio room and there shot Colonel Warburton and his wife through the glass."

"It would require no more than a few seconds to rush back by the way he had come, seize a decanter from the sideboard and hurry out into the hall. But he cut it fine, for you will recall that he appeared a moment or two after the others. To complete the illusion of Colonel Warburton's madness, he merely remained for him to eliminate the bullet holes by smashing the window and, on entering, drop the revolver by the hand of his victim."

"And if Mrs. Warburton had not been there and he had been able to keep his rendezvous



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with his uncle, what then?" I asked.

"Ah, Watson, there we can only guess. But the fact that he came armed presupposes the worst. I have no doubt that when he comes to trial it will be found that Lasher was pressed for money and, as we have ample reason to know, he is a young man who would not shrink from taking his own measures to remove any obstacles that stood in the way of his needs. Well, my dear fellow, it is high time that you were on your way home. Pray convey my apologies to your wife for any small interruption I may have caused in the tranquillity of your ménage."

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"But your shoulder, Holmes," I expostulated. "I must apply some liniment before you retire for a few hours' rest."

"Tut Watson, my friend replied. "You should have learnt by now that the mind is the master of the body. I have a small problem on hand concerning a solution of polish and would have the goodness to hand me that pipette—"

THE END

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



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YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

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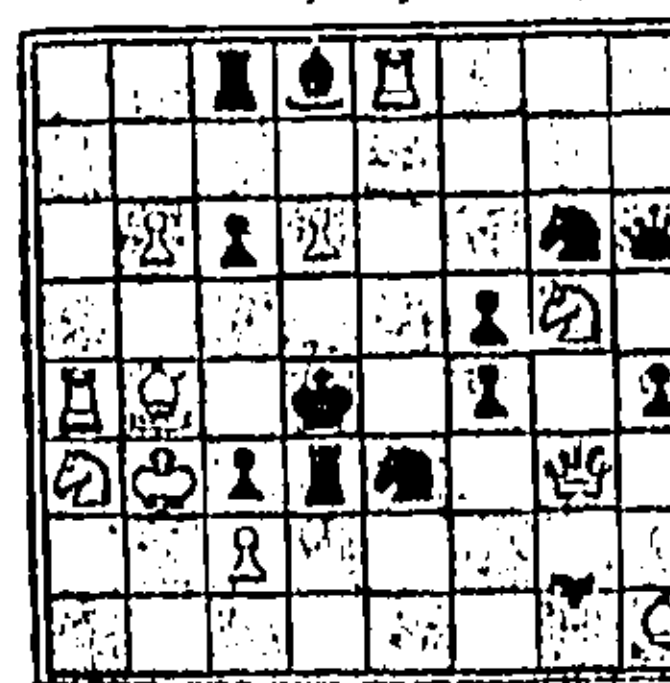
BORN today, you are a little too much a creature of mood and emotion. You are a little too much of a dreamer. You are a little too much of a romantic. You are a little too much of a dreamer.

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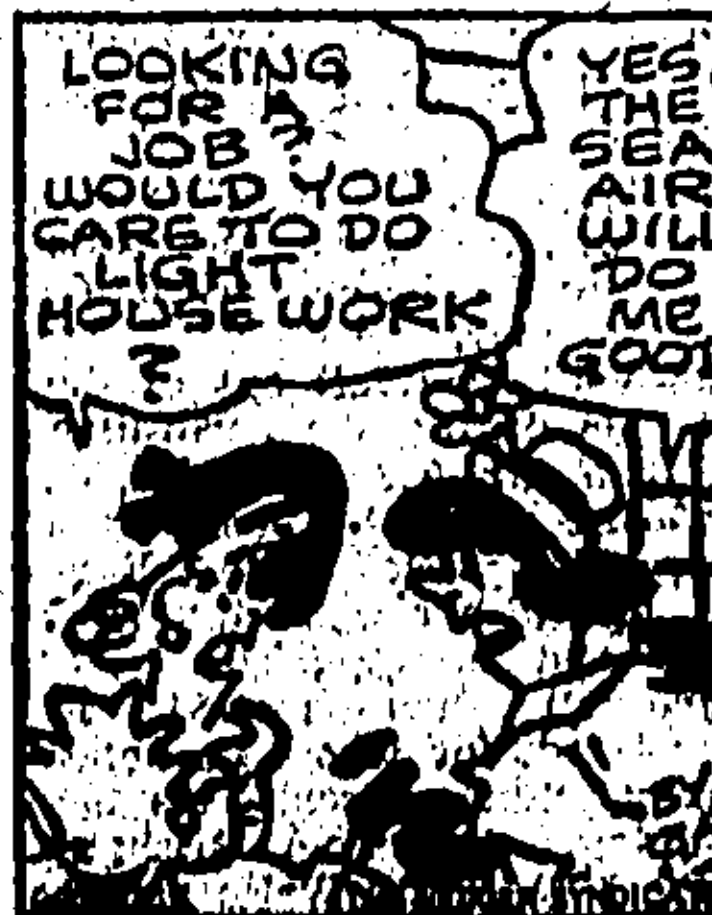
CHESS PROBLEM

By E. VISSERMAN
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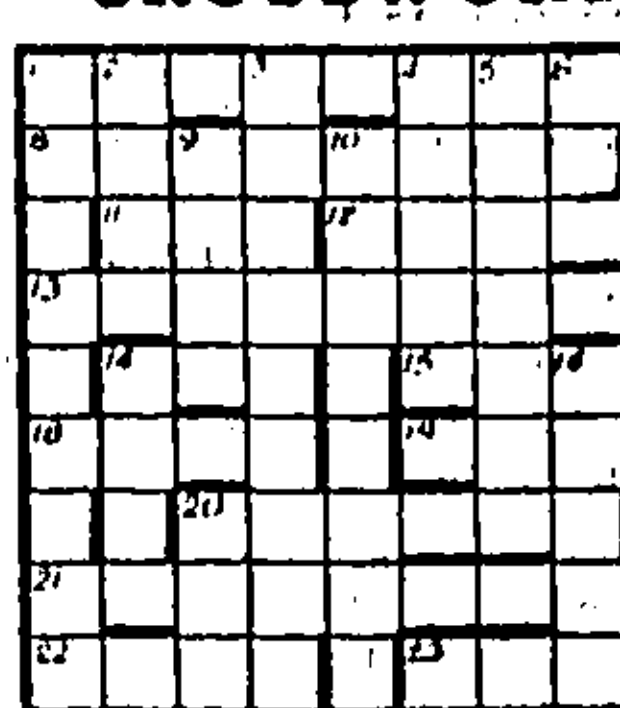


White, 11 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. P-K17, any; 2. Kt (ch), or d1 ch or P (=Q, or Kt) mates.

DUMB-BELLS



CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Take five from the alphabet, and the others are this. (9)
2. In sterner times he was pater. (5)
3. Slog performance, started with a jaw, ended with small Edward. (10)
4. This invention was a great help. (5)
5. A strong ground of Bruce's cave companion. (5)
6. This comes back, back, back. (5)
7. Add nothing to make this odd creature. (5)
8. The Norseman's thunder god. (5)
9. The man with this job at meals is a busy, little time to be in. (5)
10. Not Men and women like decoration. (5)
11. Properly, you'll find a good friend in this. (5)
12. Alternative letter. (5)
13. Just the job for Cousin Ted? (5)
14. It starts this sort of shop. (5)
15. Disrupt on a man's face? (5)
16. A strong ground of Bruce's cave companion. (5)
17. Look around the empty air, for this sort of case. (5)
18. Don't let her name before Mrs. (5)
19. Little Edward. (5)
20. Don't let her name before Mrs. (5)
21. Publication on a line. (5)
22. Women they say, always has the last word. (5)
23. Perhaps having these make a dilemma. (5)
24. See 7. Or would you prefer talk to? (5)
25. Talk to the result of a twisted debt? (5)

SOLUTION
TO CHECK
YESTERDAY'S
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• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

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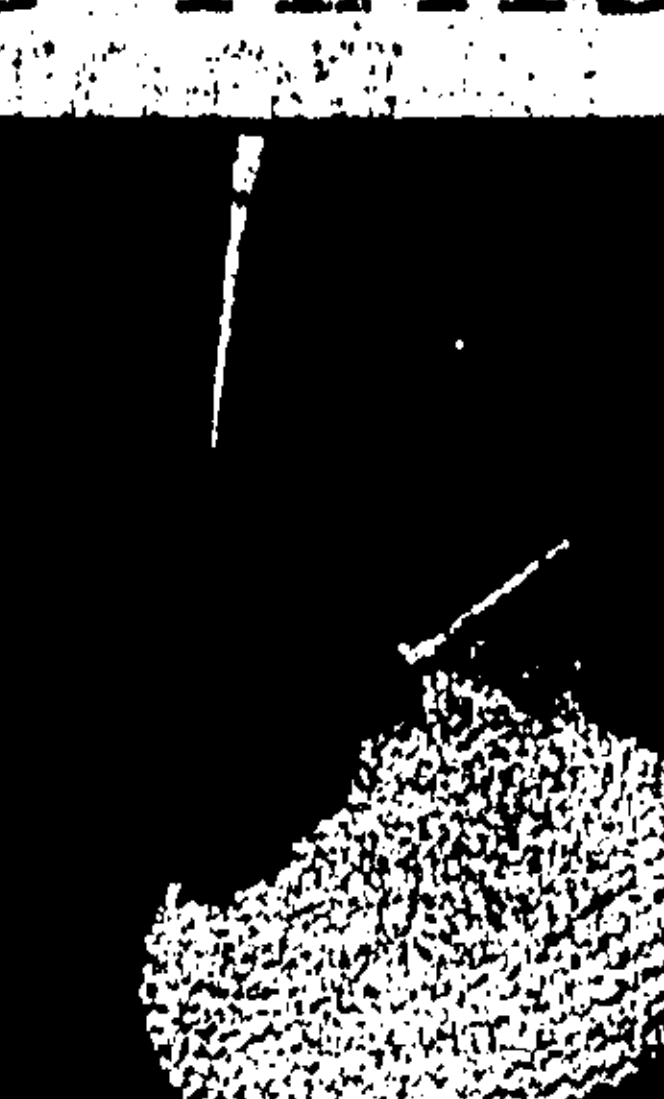
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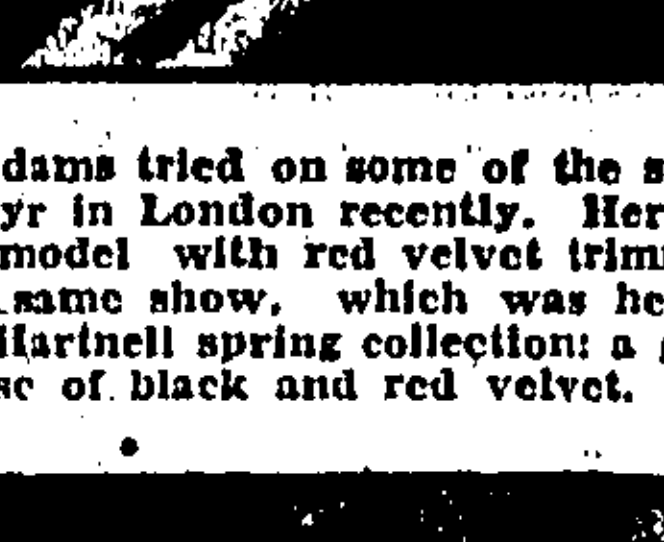
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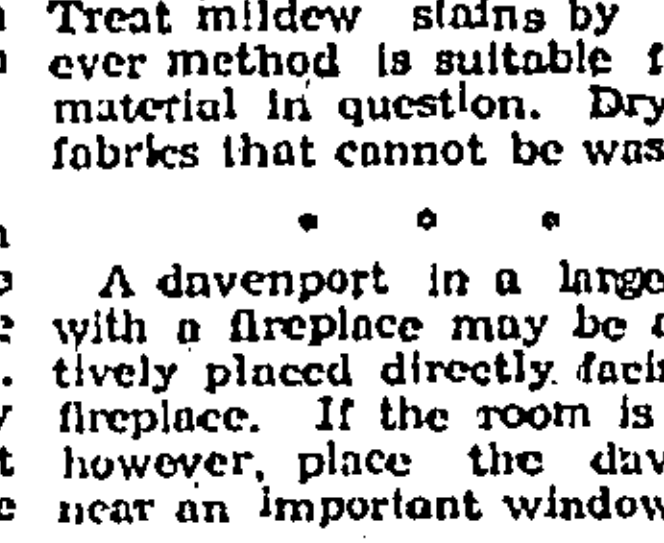
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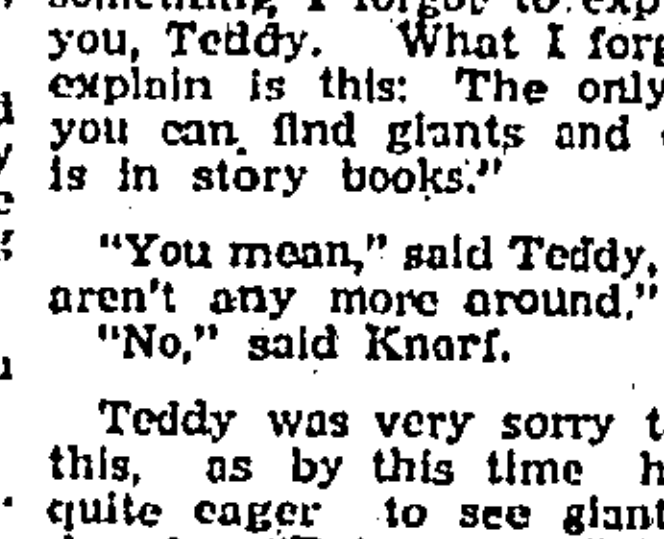
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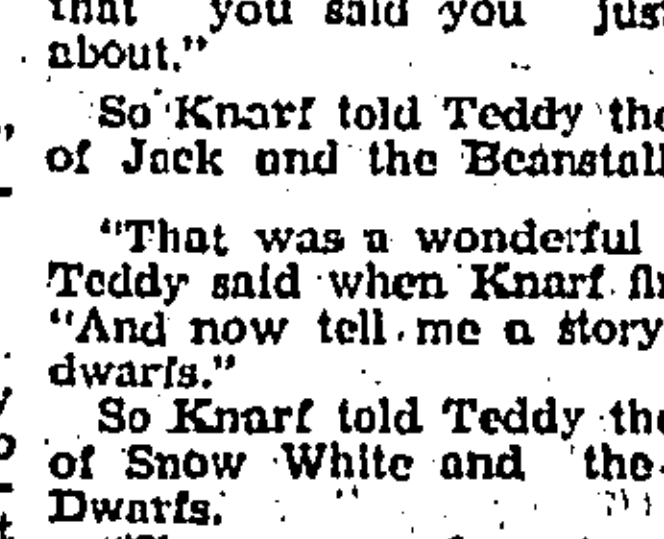
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The Mere Wave of A Hand

—and the Switch Is On!

NEW YORK.

THE kitchen of tomorrow will be so self-sufficient about the only work left for the homemaker is the meal-planning.

The future kitchen, as seen by some experts, goes beyond the push-button stage, into the time when doors will open and shut, and cabinets slide in and out of reach, with the mere wave of the hand.

Engineers planning the future cooking center still depend on some push-button controls. But a wave of the hand is all that is needed to activate an electric switch which acts some of the equipment into operation.

Kitchen-cabinet doors will come equipped with touch latches, instead of knobs and handles. Doors pop open with a slight pressure on the front panel.

These efforts—savers, plus several others, are incorporated in an experimental kitchen planned by General Motors and Frigidaire, to be displayed first in New York, then in Miami, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The experts haven't foreseen atomic-powered appliances. But they do say that electronic ovens are in the future. These would cook bacon in a matter of seconds, bake potatoes in five minutes and cook a family turkey in 45.

One oven in their future kitchen has a device for feeding either charcoal or hickory smoke, to flavour meats.

The planners make refrigerator and food freezer in colour and height—at the waist—and

not necessarily in front of it; then arrange chairs near it for a conversational group. A davenport, placed against a narrow wall, tends to make the wall look wider.

As a safety measure in your kitchen, don't let grease accumulate on the stove. If grease should catch fire in a pan, a tight lid or cover over it or throw salt on it.

Here, Mr. Punch, who had been listening to what Knarf and Teddy were saying, suddenly spoke up.

A Grandfather's Tale

"Long ago," he said, "there were giants and dwarfs in this world. At least, that's what my grandfather told me. But they didn't get along very well with the regular-sized people. For the giants were always sitting on chairs and breaking them, or stubbing their toes against houses and smashing them, or bumping against church steeples and knocking them over."

"And what happened to the dwarfs?" asked Knarf.

"The dwarfs," said Mr. Punch, "sailed across the ocean until they came to a great city. Then they climbed up to the top of the highest church and stood on the balcony, looking down at everybody, laughing at them but never saying a word. They became gargoyles."

"And is this all really true, Mr. Punch?" asked Knarf.

"But all Mr. Punch would answer was: 'That's what my grandfather told me.'"

Have you your copy of MORE ADVENTURES of RUPERT?



Dieter Needn't Skip Potatoes

By Ida Bailey Allen

DO you virtuously refuse potatoes in the interest of reducing your waistline? If so, you are making a big mistake. For potatoes contain essential calcium, phosphorus, vitamins A and C, as well as B vitamins.

"But how about the calories?" you ask. A medium-sized baked white potato, two-and-a-half inches in diameter to be exact, contains 88 calories—less than a serving of stewed fruit, cream soup, or a lamb chop. Moreover, white potatoes, eaten skin and all, have "salty" properties—which mean the ability to satisfy and arrest hunger longer than many other foods. This is because the bulky skin is slow to leave the stomach.

It is not the potato in itself that contains too many calories for waist-watching, but rather the butter, margarine, gravy or cream sauce eaten with it, or the fat in which it is often fried. For instance, 10 pieces of French-fried potato, two by half by a half inch, contain 107 calories. Twice those in a plain baked or boiled potato.

Bake or pressure-cook potatoes to retain full flavour as well as nutritive values, and they'll taste good with a little plain salt or vegetable salt. Just because you, or some member of your family is trying to reduce, don't drop potatoes from the menu. The over-large waistline is not due to excessive potato eating, but to an unbalanced diet, including too many over-rich foods.

Dinner

Tomato-Orange Bouillon
Fish Fillets Baked in Milk
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Green Salad
Honey-Bread-and-Butter Custard
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve 4 to 6

Fish Fillets Baked in Milk: Dredge 1 1/2 lbs. fillets of cod or sole with 1/4 c. flour mixed with 1 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. monosodium glutamate and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Place in a well-buttered or margarine baking dish. Pour in 3 c. heated cream or skim milk; dot with 2 tsp. butter or margarine. Bake at 375° F. from 25 to 30 min., or until the fish flakes. Nice to help mashed potato around the edge and slip under the broiler to brown.

Honey Bread and Butter Custard: Butter or margarine 4 slices enriched bread; cut in 1-in. squares. Place in a buttered or margarine baking dish. Heat 3 c. milk. Beat 3 grade A, B or C eggs with 1/3 c. honey, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. nutmeg. Stir in the milk. Pour over the bread. Place in a pan; surround with boiling water. Bake 40 min. in a moderate oven, at 350°-375° F., or until firm and browned.

Hot Tomato-Orange Bouillon: To 2 c. tomato juice and 2 c. water, add 1 c. celery tips and 4 whole cloves. Simmer 10 min. Add 2 chicken bouillon cubes and strain. Serve garnished with thin quarter-slices orange.

FUSSY HAIRDOS ARE OUT

By HELEN FOLLETT

NEW hairdos combine simplicity and elegance. Bouncing ringlets are definitely out; too fussy!

The hair must not conceal the lines of the head, but must fit like a cap. Waves are wide and fluid. Ends are curled just enough so they won't be shaggy but will cling close to the neck. These are current coiffure rules.

To sport a chic hairdo, it is necessary to keep one's locks in perfect condition. This means a weekly shampoo if hair is oily.

Dry hair can be washed every ten days. A tendency to

HASHIM EXPLAINS HIS FOOT TROUBLE



Hashim Khan, the famous Pakistani squash professional and favourite for the Dunlop Tournament at the Lansdowne Club, was forced to withdraw owing to an infection of both feet and a strained left foot muscle. This picture shows him at the Club showing his foot to his brother, Azam Khan.—Central Press Photo.

BARBARIAN RUGBY IS ONLY FOR DECENT BLOKES

Says GEORGE WHITING

Our purposeful but delightful New Zealand guests, the All Blacks, may in some quarters be considered to have become thoroughly acclimatised to British rugby by beating England, Ireland and Scotland, and losing, somewhat unluckily, to Wales. I disagree. The impressions of our robust visitors, I suggest, will be incomplete until they have met and tried to deal with the carefree type of game favoured by that unique combination, the Barbarians, at Cardiff Arms Park on February 20.

If Barbarian tradition rings true—and whatever the result—there will be no complaints that day about too much kicking, too many penalties, or spoiling tactics by wing forwards.

Instead, spectators will see gay and open rugby, the ball kept in play as much as possible, spirited handling by one and all, and the backs in full and spectacular cry for the line, with opposition backs and wing forwards doing their

darndest to catch them or cut them off. Old-fashioned if you like—but still a lot more pleasing to the Saturday afternoon eye than some of the kick-and-hope nonsense that has been paraded as rugby football this season.

GREAT INFLUENCE

The touring Barbarians, possibly the greatest single influence on a game now being shot at by critics, will play football designed to correct some of the excesses of 1953-54. What a pity we Londoners never see them at Twickenham.

It is considered smart, in these highly commercial, get-on-or-go-under days, to devote any player of games who seeks to pots and treats his opponent like a healthy human being. Nevertheless, and without being triflingly pedantic, this reactionary column suggests there is still a lot of merit in sportsmanship, applied with good manners.

Who are the Barbarians? Where do they come from? Who collects them? Analyse them carefully, and you will see that they are drawn from many sources. You will notice a minor, perhaps, from a remote North Country club, inside a crack London wing; or a pack, like a not composed of three Englishmen, a Scot and an Irishman.

FELLOWSHIP What may not occur to the outsider quite so readily is the fact that, from this playing together, an abiding feeling of rugby fellowship arises for the good of the game.

Call them Baa-Baas, or call them Blimps. The fact remains that you can neither buy nor bluff your way into their ranks.

Any man who sports their dark blue light blue and white colours is not necessarily an international, or the best player, or in his position. The prime requirement is that he is a decent sort of bloke.

What is more, you behave yourself once you are in—else, one of the unspoken rugby character forgoes that simple requirement on a Barbarian tour in Wales. He was asked to go home.

The late W. P. Carmichael, when he formed the club as a touring side at an oyster supper in Bradford 34 years ago, founded a tradition in which big-heads and blow-hards have been allowed to play no part.

HONOURED

Barbarians tour Wales every Easter, make regular trips to Leicester and Northampton, and are honoured opponents in the last match to be played by visiting sides from the Dominions. Sometimes they win, sometimes they lose.

What is far more important, they offer the right kind of rugby to people who pay to watch them—a tribute one cannot pay to some of the teams I have seen booting the ball to the four winds this season.

The All Blacks, having been beaten by both Cardiff and Wales at Cardiff Arms Park this season, will naturally be keen to repair their prestige on that pitch at the expense of the Barbarians before the rugby-censuous "locals" on February 20.

FINE CHANCE

What a fine opportunity, for the New Zealanders to reply to those who have accused them of kicking too much on this tour. What a chance to play the spectacular rugby we expect, and get, from such a typical Barbarian as, say, W. P. Davies, the England and Harlequin three-quarter.

Let the All Blacks win, or let them lose. Nobody's heart is going to be broken. What matters most is that both teams should play, and every spectator see, a game that will make refereeing a pleasure instead of a penance. How often have we had that sort of football this season?

(London Express Service)

Santee Runs Mile In 4:04.9

East Lansing, Michigan, Feb. 15.

Wes Santee of Kansas, trying for the world's first four-minute mile, skinned Michigan State's indoor track tonight in a record-breaking 4 minutes 4.9 seconds.

The tireless young Kansan stole the show in a triangular track meeting between Kansas, Illinois and Michigan State College, but lacked the extra push to reel off an American long-drawn-out mile in four minutes.

Officially, Santee's time was recorded as the fastest ever produced on a regulation indoor dirt track, Glenn Cunningham still holds the speediest official mark with a 4:04.4 for an indoor long lap mile.

Santee, however, could take satisfaction in having surpassed Gil Dodds' 4:05.3 set on an indoor board track at Madison Square Garden. The two marks probably will be posted side by side in the AAU's record books.—United Press.

ARSENAL WORRIED? NOT A BIT OF IT!

SPOTLIGHT ON BRITAIN'S MOST FAMOUS FOOTBALL CLUB

By DAVID JACK

"I suppose Arsenal are going to win the Cup and the League as well." That remark was made to me in a North-bound train last week by a German textile student.

When I told him that Arsenal were out of the Cup—beaten by an average Third Division team—and they looked more like struggling against relegation than winning the Championship, he replied: "What a terrible thing. Now I know English football is in a bad way."

That conversation typifies the regard and respect which football followers all over the world have for the mighty Arsenal on Highbury Hill called Arsenal Football Club.

Industry? I can think of no better word to describe something that started as a football club but has now developed into a business concern providing full-time employment for some 40 people in addition to the professional playing staff of 32.

Newcastle United may win the Cup. Portsmouth may win the League as often as they like. But there is only one Arsenal, and whether you love 'em or hate 'em you can never ignore them. Such is the magic of the world's leading football club.

The Arsenal success story—and it has all been written during the past 27 years—has now reached the stage when it becomes almost frightening to manager Tom Whittaker and the 11 players who wear the famous red and white shirts every Saturday.

It is in fact taken for granted that Arsenal will be among the honours all the time. That's why whenever Cup giant-killing is being discussed the first result quoted is invariably Walsall 2, Arsenal 0.

And, in future years—long after the deeds of Colchester and Yeovil are forgotten—there will always be someone to say: "Do you remember the day Norwich City won at Highbury?"

But there are no distress signals. The Norwich result will not lead to a reckless plunge in the transfer market—even though Arsenal have the resources to outbid every club in the country.

I was reckless enough to suggest to the Arsenal boss that his team might need strengthening; that it wasn't, perhaps, quite good enough. His answer: "Until we meet Sunderland we had lost one match out of 16 played. Are those the results of a poor team?"

Tom also denies that old age is creeping up on his players. He points out: "Kelsey, Wills, Wade, Dodgin, and Dickson are all playing regularly this season and that has brought down the average age from the time when George Swindell, Lionel Smith, Walley Barnes, Ray Daniel and Joe Mercer were automatic selections."

On the few occasions that Arsenal have paid big money for players since the war they have bought well.

This term, with Arsenal again in a desperate position, two men were bought, Irish international wing-half Bill Dickson, from Chelsea, and English international centre-forward Tommy Lawton, from Brentford.

LAWTON WAITS

Dickson has proved himself the natural successor to Joe Mercer, but Lawton's impact on Arsenal has, to say the least, not been so pronounced. Tommy has stepped in once or twice at inside forward when others have been injured, but he's still very much a reserve player.

Not for one minute do I believe the stories that Lawton is happier than he's ever been, or that he enjoys sitting in the stand every week instead of playing. No tip-top player worth his salt would be completely happy in that role.

No. When Tommy joined Arsenal he was keen to do big things for the Gunners. It was his great chance to get back into the headlines after two seasons of semi-obscure. I believe he was prepared to play as hard as he could.

But the Lawton signing had a similar effect on another Arsenal player, big, young, bustling centre-forward Cliff Holton. Cliff was the lad who stood to lose most if Lawton became Arsenal's centre-forward. Result: Arsenal's centre-forward problem has

been solved—without using the £10,000 man who was bought for the job.

CHANCE TO EXPERIMENT

That surely is the answer to those who call the Lawton signing "Whittaker's Folly." Scorching the suggestion that Arsenal are in any way opposed to paying money for players, manager Whittaker told me: "If we like a player we will bid as high as any club for his transfer. But you know when good players are available there is always a reason for it."

That is the most sensible pronouncement on transfers I've heard for a long time, Sunderland, please note.

At least the Norwich Cup disaster, plus Arsenal's half-way League position, has given Tom Whittaker a chance to experiment with young players—and that's an opportunity he seldom has while the chase for honours is on.

To find out something about these young Gunners I had a chat with assistant manager Jack Crayston, former England wing-half, who told me: "I'm the junior on the staff here, I've been with the club only 20 years." He's right, but Arsenal's backroom boys, with length of service, are Tom Whittaker (34 years), Joe Shaw (47 years), Bob Wall (26 years), Bill Milne (33 years), Bert Owen (25 years), George Malt (24 years), Ernie Collett (21 years), Les Compton (23 years), and Alf Francis, a comparative newcomer signed in 1936.

Crayston's main responsibility is the Combination side. Discussing the possibility of promotion to first team duty of his players, he said: "There are several who look good enough in Combination class—but they wouldn't necessarily be so successful in the First Division."

FRONT LINE PROBLEM

Even so, Jack has great hopes for 21-year-old right half Alan Batsford, Jim Fotheringham, 19-year-old centre half, Derek Tapscott, signed from Barry Town as an inside left but now one of the smartest centre-forwards in the Football Combination, Brian Walsh (21), a better player now than when he led his first team against Arsenal at Cardiff City, and young Gerry Ward—the 17-year-old who played in the first team before he had signed professional forms.

One supporter who'll be pleased to hear that Tapscott looks like making the grade is Cyril Rose, plumber and decorator at Fallowcourt Avenue, Finchley. He's been watching Arsenal since 1913 and he told me: "Arsenal have had a centre-forward problem for 25 years. Only Ted Drake looked a real leader in all those years."

He went on: "Arsenal's greatest team was in the early 1930's. What a difference in class between the Hulme, Jack Lambert, James Bastin forward line and the one that played against Norwich."

All Arsenal's present problems are in the front line, Jimmy Logie and Don Roper have gone off, Doug Lishman is not a great player and Arthur Milton has never lived up to the tremendous promise he showed before being capped against Austria.

Shareholder Harry Elliston, of Baltham Road, Highbury, told me: "I've been an Arsenal supporter since they moved from Plumstead. My main complaint about the Cup defeat is that Norwich seemed to put more spirit into their game, in fact, they never stopped fighting."

Other criticisms: "Full-backs give opposing wingers too much room—as we see whenever Stanley Matthews is at Highbury. And it's time the youngsters were given a chance in place of the old players. Those

who have been promoted have done well. I think Jack Kelsey will be a great goalkeeper and Dodgin could develop into as good as any of Arsenal's famous centre halves. Without any bad feeling I suggest this is the time to give the first team a good shaking up."

Well, every supporter is entitled to his view. But no matter how much they criticize the Gunners, they can't keep away. Tom Whittaker tells me: "Gates this season are higher than ever—we're averaging about 55,000."

Perhaps the real Arsenal story is contained in attendances and receipts. Last season gate receipts amounted to £169,000, to which figure can be added another £23,000 for season tickets.

A normal seasonal profit—where transfers in and out are about equal—is £45,000. It has been as much as £60,000.

COLOSSAL'S THE WORD

One floodlight friendly match against Hibs produced £11,500, while most visiting clubs take away cheques between £700 and £1,000 for League games.

The box office keeps six men fully occupied—in fact, before Cup-ties they work until 10 o'clock at night, including Sundays. There are two girls in the typing pool, and a switch-board operator.

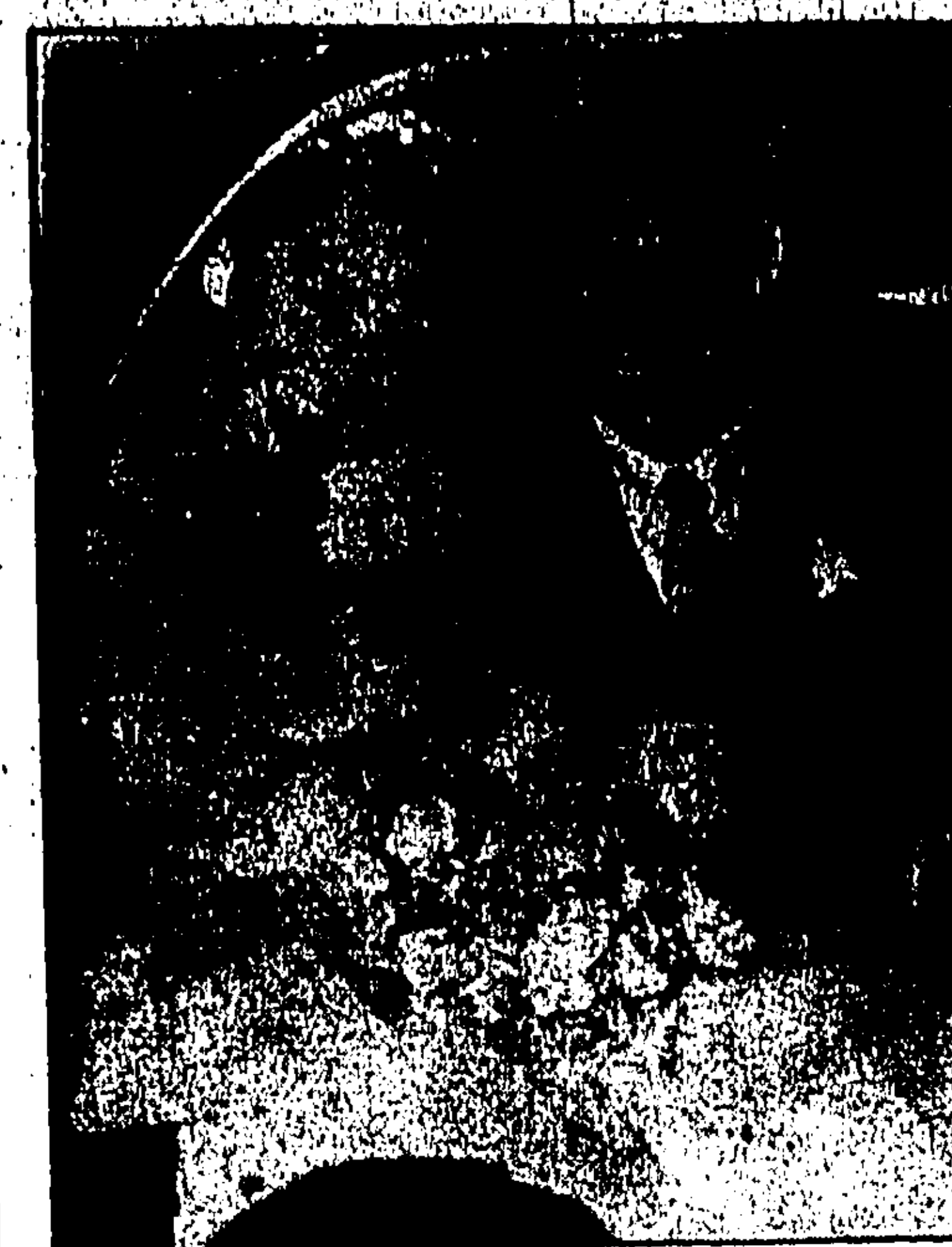
On match days about 100 gatemen are on hand to deal with 80 turnstiles. Another 100 honorary stewards are required and at least 30 programme sellers of some 45,000 programmes at 6d. a time.

But it seems that everything connected with Arsenal is colossal. Like the Supporters' Club, formed by the present secretary, R. E. Jones, in August, 1949. In four and a half years Jones has just enrolled his 19,700th member. There are branches in 26 countries all over the world, including one in Malta and others on the Continent.

What then, does the future hold for Arsenal? Obviously the record—the "frightening" record—which includes being placed in the top three in the First Division nine times since 1931, and winning the Cup three times and playing at Wembley six times since 1927, will take a lot of living up to.

I think Arsenal are big enough to do it.

NEIL HARVEY & BRIDE



The popular Australian star batsman and menace to England's bowlers, 25-year-old Neil Harvey, leaves the church in Melbourne, Australia, with his bride, 21-year-old South African girl Miss Iris Greenish.—Central Press Photo.

HKFA COUNCIL MEETING

The Hongkong Football Council yesterday decided to request FIFA to expedite action on its application for membership which would make Hongkong eligible to take part in the Asian Games football championships in Manila next May.

Earlier yesterday the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong had received word from the Asian Games Federation in Manila that Hongkong was not eligible for the football competitions because it was not affiliated with FIFA. Hongkong had applied to FIFA last May.

At its meeting yesterday, the HKFA Council rejected the request of a Laurence Marques football team to play three games here in March, because of the heavy schedule ahead of local football teams. The Laurence Marques team is on a tour of the Far East.

The Council accepted April 17, 18 and 20 as the dates for the three matches against India's team to the Asian Games, which will stop here en route to Manila.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Skinner, called on the Chinese members of the Council to "stand up for what is best for football." He was commenting on the reported interference by an unnamed official of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation with the selection of the Chinese teams taking part in the Memorial Cup competitions.

The meeting also decided to forbid referees from playing football for any of the teams, starting next season. The second match of the three-match Governor's Cup series, between Great Britain and China, will be held on March 21 at 4 p.m. at the Club stadium, and the Challenge Shield finals on March 27.

The Council will donate a trophy, known as the Gulgum Cup, for the "C" Grade championship in the Schools' football league.

The meeting was told by Mr. Brig Young, of the HK Football Club, that the concrete stands which will replace the "matcheds" at the Club will include an enclosure for children.

The South China A.A. representative, Mr. Henry Tsang, was also instructed by the Council to look into the possibility of setting up a similar enclosure at the stadium of his Association.

SOVIET RUSSIA LIFTING THE IRON CURTAIN ON SPORT

London, Feb. 15.

The Soviet Russian suggestion to send a soccer team to play the Arsenal F.C. and a number of other professional English League clubs was regarded here today as another step in lifting the Iron Curtain on sport.

Sports writers and commentators in recent months have commented on Russia's willingness to enter more into international competition. Their participation in winter sports this season has been interpreted as a move to extend their activities to one of the world's top sports—soccer football.

Most of the credit for persuading the Russians to resume their soccer relations with Great Britain, goes to Sir Stanley Ross, Secretary of the English Football Association, who is generally regarded as Britain's "unofficial Ambassador of Sport" by both sports officials and fans.

Sir Stanley recently disclosed: "On several occasions when I have met Soviet representatives at meetings of the International Federation I have reminded them of the success of their 1945 tour and asked 'When are you going to invite us to Moscow?'"

The English FA Secretary also stressed that any invitation should be addressed to his association, and not to individual soccer clubs, since any particular club might be asked to refuse it.

They had prior commitments. The Association would be in a better position to name an alternative club willing to accept such an invitation.

ARSENAL WANTED

The Soviet authorities have remembered this point and addressed their invitation to the English FA, which has passed it on to the Arsenal, who were named in the invitation as the team required to play in the Soviet Union.

Arsenal officials will make their decision on whether or not to accept at a meeting of their Board of Directors next March. Meanwhile, other "gold" clubs, such as Chelsea, are ready and waiting to accept if the Arsenal officials turn down the "tip."

Should Arsenal decide to accept the offer, they will be the first Football League club to undertake such a tour of the Soviet Union, where soccer is played between May and November.

The English team would be required to play in Moscow in August, a period most suitable for them to fit and train for the start of the English League season.

The possibility of a Soviet team coming to England in return for the visit of an English team would prove immensely popular. No Russian team has played here since the famous Moscow Dynamo, in 1945, when they played a 3-3 draw with Chelsea. The match attracted no fewer than 25,000 spectators.

The Dynamo played several other matches in England and Scotland, attracting equally large audiences. They were

returned home with a cheque of £10,000 as their share of the "gate" money.

The Russians have already let it be known that they are not greatly concerned about the financial returns from an English tour, but with such an attraction the English clubs will be more than willing to stage matches for any visiting Soviet team.—United Press.

Lindwall Left Out Of NSW XI

Sydney, Feb. 15.

Ray Lindwall, Australia's fast bowler, has been left out of the New South Wales team to play South Australia, the Sheffield Shield holders, in the match beginning here on Friday.

It is the first time he has been omitted from the state side since he became available after the war.

Lindwall was left out of the Test side during the Australian tour of South Africa in 1949/50, but since then he has played in two Test series against England, and also against the West Indies and South Africa.

Lindwall has settled in Queensland, for which he hopes to play next season. He has been travelling from Brisbane for the New South Wales cricketing season.

Colony Tennis Championships Schedule

The following is the schedule of matches for the Colony Grass Court Tennis Championships to be played at the Hongkong Cricket Club courts from today until Thursday.

The above schedule is published on the supposition that the exhibition matches to be given by the Swedish Davis Cup players will not take place this afternoon.

In the event, however, the exhibition will be held on the club courts, the schedule will be retarded by one day, and today's matches will be played tomorrow and on.

TODAY

Court 1—K. K. Ip v R. McLauchlin; Court 2—S. K. Ip v F. Sabouille; Court 3—C. Y. K. Ip v M. Court 4—K. F. Lee v K. C. Dao; Court 5—C. C. Tsui v T. Lo; Court 6—C. S. Cheng v K. C. Chung; Court 7—P. Simon v V. T. Ward; Court 8—R. M. Macpherson and P. L. Holmes v C. B. Smart and E. Zukoff.

TOMORROW

Court 1—W. K. Ip v R. McLauchlin; Court 2—J. C. Savage v J. H. Woodhouse; Court 3—K. F. Lee v T. Lo; Court 4—M. C. Ng v C. P. Ho; Court 5—H. Hazlett and P. J. Sterwin v T. H. Shue and R. F. Zau; Court 6—S. Cheng and K. W. Chung v R. Wong and V. Wong; Court 7—F. Ma and P. H. Ip v K. C. Dao and T. K. Choy v S. K. Ho and P. Poon; Court 8—C. C. Chung and F. Lonne v M. Clavet and R. Moore; Court 9—P. Y. Shung and W. G. Lam v M. Chen and J. K. Liu; Court 10—A. Augusted and L. C. Kotewall v V. Wang and E. Sabouille; Court 11—K. H. Ip and F. Tsai v J. Packenham-Walsh and D. O'Reilly-Mayne.

THURSDAY

Court 1—T. Liang and C. A. Braun v C. Wang and S. Y. Kee; Court 2—P. B. Dabner and R. Fallow v K. Y. Chang and V. C. Chang; Court 3—L. T. Lee and W. Gillies v W. T. Lee and B. W. Wong; Court 4—S. N. To and T. K. Choy v S. K. Ho and P. Poon; Court 5—C. C. Chung and F. Lonne v M. Clavet and R. Moore; Court 6—P. Y. Shung and W. G. Lam v M. Chen and J. K. Liu; Court 7—A. Augusted and L. C. Kotewall v V. Wang and E. Sabouille; Court 8—K. H. Ip and F. Tsai v J. Packenham-Walsh and D. O'Reilly-Mayne.

Home Rugger

Results

London, Feb. 15.

Rugby results today were: Rugby League Cup, first round, first leg: Belle Vue Rangers 15, Huddersfield 20.

Second leg: Wheldale Colliery 5, Workington 37. Wheldale Colliery eliminated.

Rugby Union Hospitals Cup, first round: Guys Hospital 5, St. Barth's Hospital 5.

Other Rugby Union matches: Oxford University 3, Queen's University 2; Bristol 12, Port Talbot 6—Bristol.

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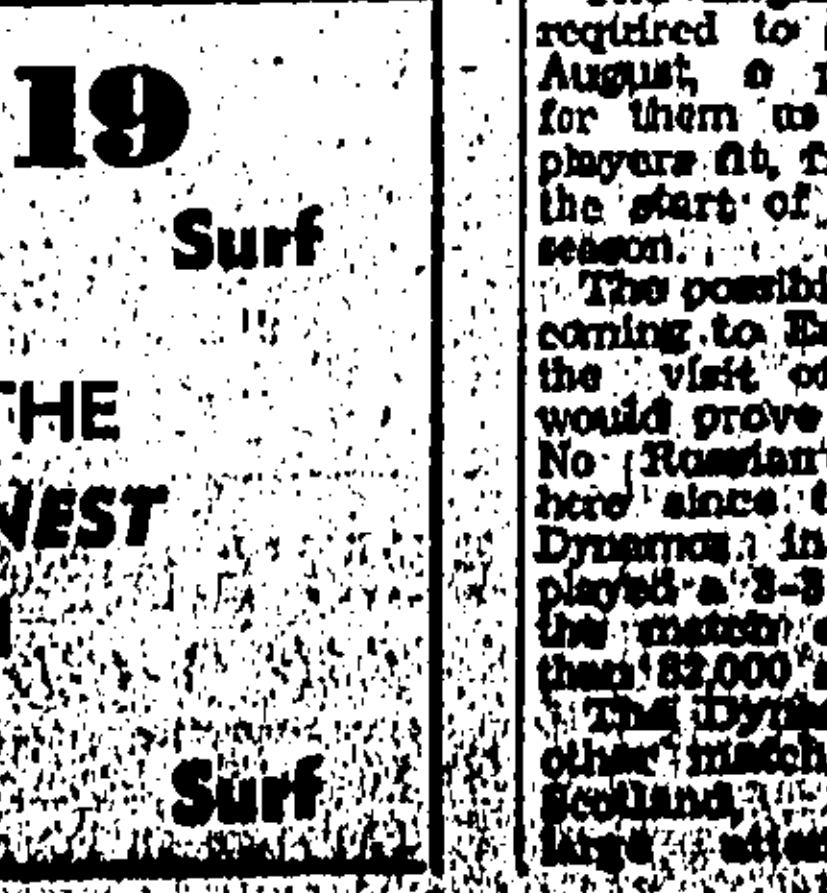
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"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Feb.	24th Feb.
"AGAPENOR"	Amsterdam, London & Hamburg	23rd Feb.	24th Feb.
"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	5th Mar.	6th Mar.
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool & Glasgow	13th Mar.	14th Mar.
"ATREUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	23rd Mar.	24th Mar.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Ship	From	Arrives	Departs
G. "PELEUS"	Liverpool	Sailed	In Port 11/Wharf
S. "AUTOMEDON"	do	do	23rd Feb.
S. "ATREUS"	do	do	27th Feb.
S. "BELLEROPHON"	do	do	10th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	do	Sailed	15th Mar.
S. "ALCINOUS"	18th Feb.	do	25th Mar.
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	24th Feb.	do	2nd Apr.
S. "CYCLOPS"	3rd Mar.	do	7th Apr.

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Ship	Sails N.Y.	Sails S.F.	Arr. H.K.
"BATAAN"	Sailed	Sailed	7th Apr.
"MUNCASTER CASTLE"	do	do	8th Mar.
"TELEMACIUS"	do	do	10th Feb.
"DONA NATI"	do	do	3rd Mar.
"MANGALORE"	25th Feb.	18th Mar.	17th Apr.

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 Day, Wednesday, 17th March,
 1954.

A circular giving full
 details has been sent to mem-
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 delivery, members are
 requested to apply to the Hon.
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Early application for in-
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US Forces Move Their Headquarters From Germany To Paris

Frankfurt, Feb. 15.

United States forces have begun to move their European Command headquarters, the joint army, navy and air force supply and administrative nerve centre, from here to a base more than 300 miles further west, near Paris.

An advance party of about 20 has already left the headquarters in the I. G. Farben building here, former head office of the giant chemical combine, and gone to the new base, the Camp des Loges on the site of a 19th century army camp, near St. Germain-en-Laye, about 15 miles west of Paris.

The rest of the 500 to 600 officers, enlisted men and civilians of the European Command headquarters staff will follow in batches during the next few months. The move is expected to be complete by the beginning of May.

It will transfer this command, co-ordinating the needs of the three services, from a spot only 70 miles from Russian-occupied East Germany, to a site within a few miles of the headquarters of the Supreme Allied Commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, at Eisenhower Airfield.

General Gruenther, in addition to commanding the forces of the 14 North Atlantic Treaty powers, is Commander-in-Chief of all United States forces in Europe.

Under him, in charge of European Command headquarters, is General Thomas Handy, deputy Commander-in-Chief, who has no powers of tactical command but wide administrative powers. His post was created by General Matthew Ridgway, when Supreme Allied Commander, to take some of the dual burden off his shoulders.

General Handy's headquarters is responsible to General Gruenther for: Co-ordinating supply lines, port facilities, transport, warehouses and other services for the United States army, navy, and air force in Europe; and the military stockpiling programme; Distributing United States military equipment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation powers under the Mutual Defence Assistance programme; Negotiating with Western Allies of the United States for right for United States bases and military facilities.

Offshore procurement, which means buying in Europe military supplies for the United States forces or their Western Allies; and Negotiations for the transfer of European Command headquarters were completed last year, the French Government giving the United States the use of the new site for an indefinite period—China Mail Special.

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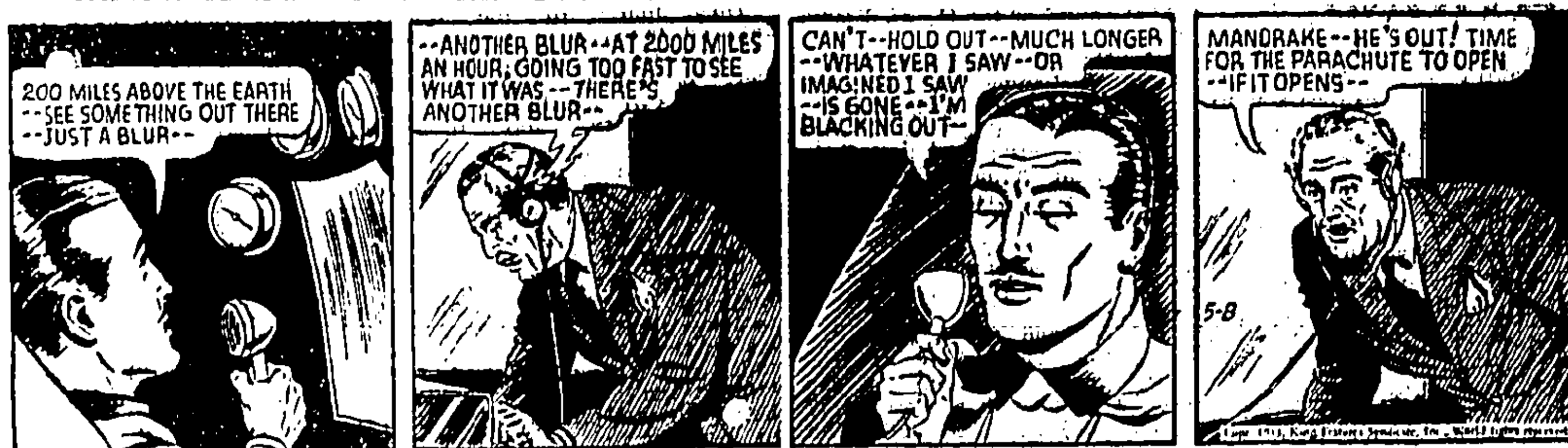
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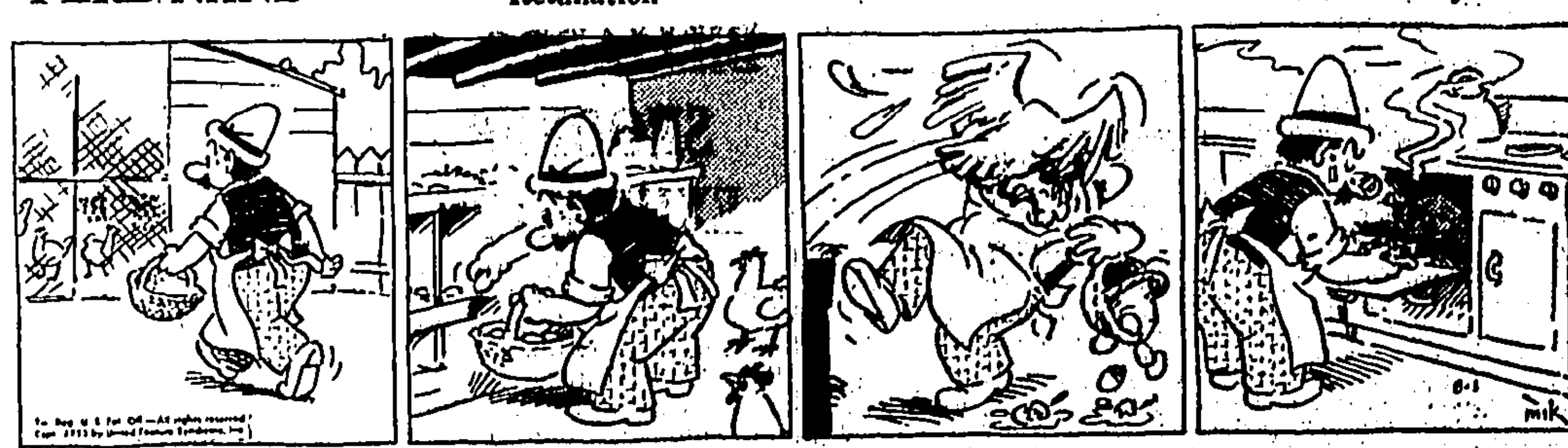
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Stassen Arrives At Seoul For Talks With Rhee

Seoul, Feb. 15.

The director of the United States Foreign Operations Administration, Mr. Harold E. Stassen, arrived here today by air from Tokyo for a two-day visit to Korea.

Mr. Stassen told reporters at the airport he would review the current F.O.A. programme in Korea with the United Nations Command's Economic Co-ordinator, Mr. Tyler Wood, \$200,000,000 F.O.A. funds are available for this year for economic aid and reconstruction in Korea.

He said he would call on President Syngman Rhee today, and expect and discuss what Dr. Rhee wishes to discuss.

Mr. Stassen is on a month's tour of the Far East. After his visit to Korea, Mr. Stassen will visit Rangoon and India, and will then go to Manila for a five-day conference with Directors of F.O.A. missions in the Far East—Cebu.

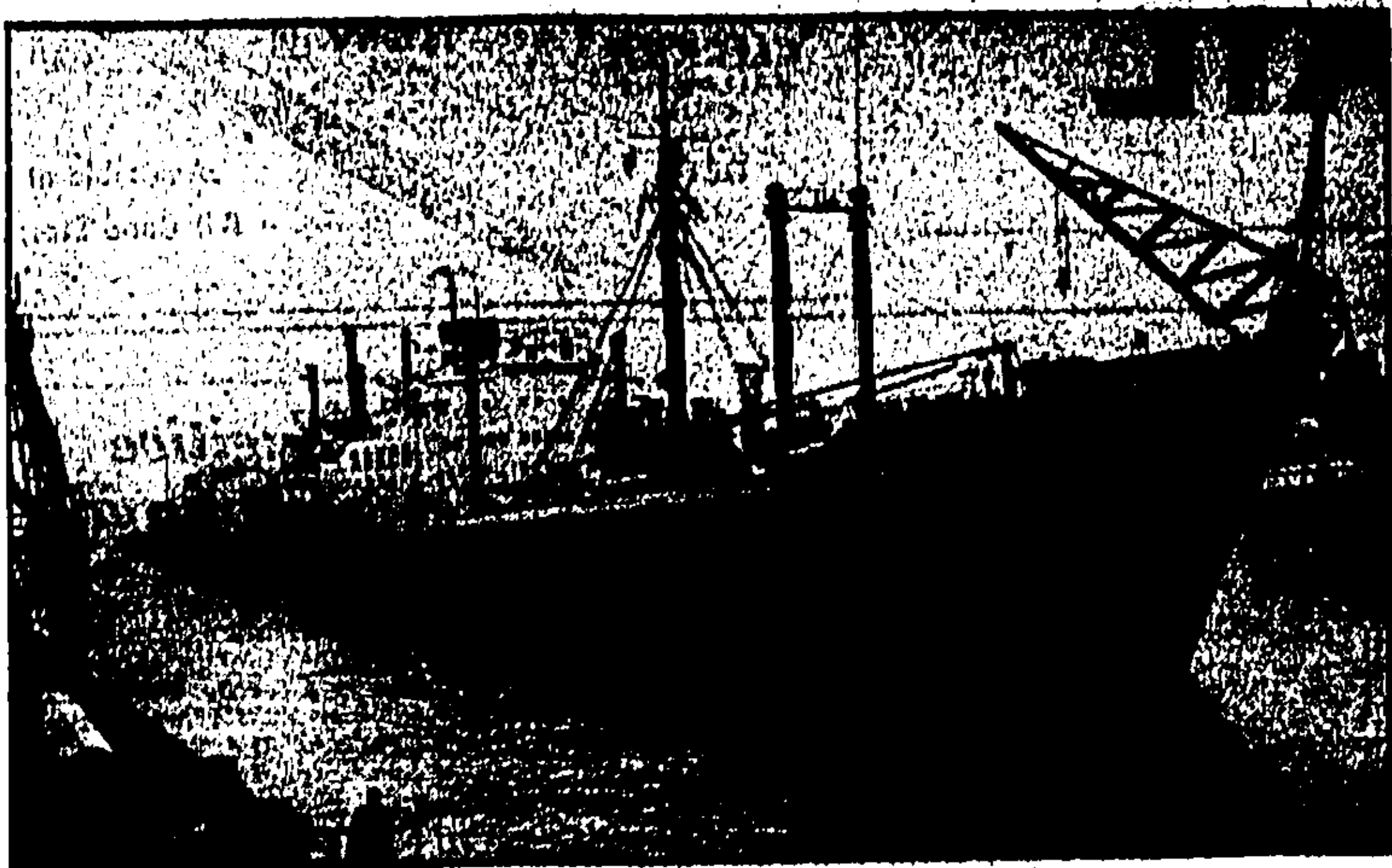
Czech Airman Says 360 MIGs Near West German Border

Frankfurt, Feb. 15.

A Czech airman who escaped U.S. authorities for several weeks, said today that 360 Czech MIG-15s were stationed near the German border.

The airman, who had been in Germany for a week, said he had seen the MIG-15s in the air and on the ground. He said he had been in the air for several days and had seen the MIG-15s in the air and on the ground.





This is the Schwabenstein (9,200 tons) the first German passenger ship to call at a British port since 1939 docking at Southampton. Owned by the North German Lloyd line, it is the first of a fleet of six ships which are to operate a Far Eastern passenger service (see story below).

German Merchant Ships Are Returning To The World's Seaways

Bonn, Feb. 15.

German national colours are flying from the mastheads of passenger ships for the first time in 15 years as West Germany forges steadily ahead towards regaining some of the country's prewar maritime prosperity.

A few West German ships have made a modest start towards rebuilding the sea-going trade which World War II has reduced from a proud German merchant fleet of nearly 4½ million tons, the fifth largest in the world, to only about 100,000 tons of small, old and battered ships remaining in German hands.

Now, the 19,105-ton motorship Gripsholm, built in Britain in 1923, has begun a North Atlantic passenger service for the North German Lloyd Company, of Bremen.

The Gripsholm, manned by a German crew under Captain Heinrich Lorenz, last commander of the Bremen, Germany's pre-war crack luxury liner, will ply between Bremen and New York this summer.

TV Mast Will Tower Over Devon

The BBC is to build a TV mast, 750 feet high, on North Hessay Tor, in the Dartmoor National Park. It will extend TV to Devon and Cornwall.

Mr Harold Macmillan, Minister of Housing and Local Government, will permit the giant aerial to be built, despite the objections of many outdoor societies.

Greatest good for the greatest number dictated the Minister's decision, but certain beauty safeguards have been laid down.

All materials used and the design of the necessary buildings must be agreed with the local planning authority.

2-Approach road to the TV station must not be fenced off from the moor. It must be surfaced with materials that harmonize with their surroundings.

3-The barrow (ancient burial-place) on North Hessay Tor must not be disturbed until the Devon Association has had the chance to excavate it.

4-All cables are to be put underground.

The new TV station will take the programmes to the whole of Devon, (except the northern part, already served), and nearly the whole of Cornwall. A temporary transmitter will be installed as quickly as possible to take the service as far as Plymouth.

The BBC hope this will be working within a year.

How long to build the giant mast? "Some time."

Among the objectors were the National Parks Commission.

Last night the secretary to the Commission, Mr. H. M. Abraham, said:

"It is just like a court of law. The decision has been made and there it is."

Effort. Mrs Sylvia Sayers, chairman of the Dartmoor Preservation Association, commented: "The whole issue hinges on one question—how much the people of the West Country value the natural beauty of Dartmoor. The answer is—less than they value television."

The 750-ft. steel lattice tower will stand in the heart of Dartmoor on one of the highest and most beautiful tors. It will be visible from almost any part of the moor.

Germany since the war, the 9,000-ton Schwabenstein, has left on her maiden voyage to East Africa. She can carry 80 passengers and 10,000 tons of cargo.

The Hamburg America Line is due this month to resume a regular service between West Germany and Indonesia with a new ship, the Dortmund. She will call at Bremen, Rotterdam and Antwerp.

Since November 1949, when the newly constituted Federal Republic and the Western Allies signed the Petersberg agreement removing limitations on the size and speed of ships, on passenger-carrying, and on buying ships abroad, there has been a steady rise in German shipbuilding.

West Germany's merchant fleet today totals about 1,800,000 tons, including 417,000 gross registered tons of new construction in 1953, 225,000 tons in 1952, 235,000 tons in 1951, and 90,000 tons in 1950.

About 600,000 tons of shipping have been bought abroad, though the figure for last year was only 30,000 tons.

Ships of German lines now ply over 120 world routes, calling at about 450 harbours. Most of them at present operate as "tramps." For the time being, West German shipping men are not trying to regain their former position in the shipping world, with German ships competing for the title of the largest and most luxurious liner on the seas and so on.

German ships are aiming at recapturing something of their reputation for comfort and good service. A tourist class fare for the eight-day voyage to New York on board the Gripsholm cost 700 marks (about £28), a single cabin for the 30-day trip to Kobe, Japan, on board the Schwabenstein costs 2,800 marks (about £238) and a passage to Hapag Lloyd 6,000 tonners to say, Valparaiso, in South America, costs 1,000 marks (about £158).

A first class fare to Rio de Janeiro on board one of the 9,000-ton vessels of the Hamburg South America Line will cost 2,100 marks (£175)—China Mail Special.

Heavy Mau Mau Losses

Nairobi, Feb. 15. General Headquarters announced today that Mau Mau forces killed 94 Mau Mau terrorists last week, wounded or captured 61 and arrested 125 suspects.

During the same period, one European and four African members of the security forces were killed and four European and three African members wounded.

Urgent Need For New Clergy In UK

If every 20 parishes could produce one acceptable candidate a year, and each diocese 14, the required minimum of 600 deacons a year could be reached and maintained, states a report of the Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry which has just been published in London.

The report, which will be presented to the Church Assembly when it meets this week, calls the shortage of recruits for the ministry the most urgent question before the Church today.

It states that since 1905 there has been a steady decline in the number of clergy both absolutely and relatively to the population, and in no year since 1940 have new ordinations replaced the actual loss. The number of men in the theological colleges who will be ready for ordination this year is returned as only 380, for next year 365.

"A diminishing ministerial force must mean, a diminishing church membership and as a result an inevitable decline in the influence of the Church in national life," states the report. "It is because the Church is alive and winning back the confidence of the people, because wide and increasing opportunities are every day opening before it, and a great forward movement is now possible, that it requires more men for its ministry."

"Not A Failure"

"It is also true that many young men who 50 or 100 years ago would naturally have entered Holy Orders, now go with a definite sense of Christian mission into teaching or government service or welfare work. The idea of Christian vocation has widened and this in itself marks, not a failure."

The report states the problem in the big urban parishes is not that of providing Sunday services, but of regular pastoral work on week-days. It might be that some kind of subsidiary ministry—a territorial force, behind and supporting the regular whole-time—would be considered more seriously by the Church.

The report emphasizes the need for the appointment, in consultation with the university authorities, and with their good will, of more wide-area chaplains (in Anglican, Methodist and other denominations) and a new kind of chaplaincy, the "territorial" chaplaincy, which would be based on the area rather than on the person.

The report also states that the Church is not alone in facing this problem. The Government, the universities, the social services, the police, the fire service, the health service, the housing authorities, the local authorities, the voluntary organizations, the trade unions, the employers, the public, all have a part to play in the solution of this problem.

MIDDLE EAST BID FOR SOVIET

TRADE Citrus For Wheat And Timber

Strong competition is piling up against the 33-man British trade mission now in Moscow, even as it starts getting down to business with its Communist hosts, according to reports from Beirut.

For one by one the Middle East countries, attracted both by barter possibilities and by comparatively short freight hauls between the Mediterranean and Black Sea ports through the Dardanelles, are probing deep behind the Iron Curtain for new markets.

Here in this tiny capital, without currency restrictions or customs regulations on a "free trading zone" basis, the Lebanese are planning to oust Israel as the Mediterranean's biggest citrus exporting nation. And their target is Russia—on a citrus-for-wheat-and-timber arrangement.

The Lebanese Government claims that trade talks with Moscow are imminent.

As yet, however, the two nations most bitterly contesting the Black Sea trade route are Israel and Egypt—both desperately short of Sterling and Dollar currencies.

The Egyptians have already signed a trade and payments agreement with Rumania which includes the "most favoured nation" clause ensuring easy customs handling on both sides. They are to receive livestock, preserved meat, fruit, furniture, glassware, "certain minerals" and petroleum, in exchange for their cotton, yarn, textiles, flax, rugs, sponges and vegetables.

President Naguib is casting his net still wider. One of his smoothest—talking Lebanese, Brigadier Hassan Ragab, is nearing the end of a sweep through all the Iron Curtain lands as head of a big trade mission.

After visiting East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland, he is now in Moscow

talking about a "big trade exchange, with Egypt buying in rubles instead of in Dollars and Sterling," as he looks over railway equipment, cars, trucks and heavy engineering items.

Back in Cairo, President Naguib has supported him with a well-timed "admission" that Egypt would "welcome Soviet technical aid."

Nevertheless Egypt is still some way behind Israel, already receiving regular shipments of Russian oil products from Odessa in exchange for citrus— and with Mr. I. Kesslof, Head of the Israeli Food Division, now in Moscow negotiating new barter deals involving Russian crude oil.

This season, too, the Israelis have shipped 87,000 cases of citrus to Finland and another 46,000 to Poland. They are at present assembling trade missions for visits to Hungary and Bulgaria; and they themselves expect to receive similar visitors from Poland and Finland.

What Russia Wanted

Moscow, Feb. 15. The following are some of the Soviet requirements for ships and machinery as presented to British business men in Moscow by the Soviet Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. Ivan Kabanov, on February 4: (in units unless otherwise stated):

Tankers, 15-16,000 tons 5
Cargo ships, 8-10,000 tons 30
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Fishing trawlers, with processing equipment and stern slipway, 1,900HP 15
Trawlers, diesel type 850-1,000 HP 45
Whaling factory 1
Whalers 30
Salvage tug, 100 HP 15
Floating docks, 1,500-3,000 tons 2
Dredgers, 400 M 3/4 and over 6
Gas turbo-carriers and steam " " " " 10
3-4,000 HP 10
Railway equipment: dynamic street cleaning cars, washing machines for cars, dentoscopes and testing machines 23.18 million
Cranes, caterpillar, 20-25 tons with diesel drive 200
Flooding cranes, 150-300 tons, Auto-glowing 10
Auto-propelled 10
Complete power stations, 500, 1,000 and 1,500 KW 110 set
Steam boilers, 20-30 tons 150
Power trains, 5,000 KW 20
Diesel electric stations, 310-805 KW 150
Air Circuit breakers, 220 KV 600 220
Concentrating, crushing and milling equipment 41.80 million
Rolling mill equipment, total weight 50,000 tons 61.8 million
Machines and parts for banding machines 40
Vertical turning and boring machines 10
Horizontal boring machines 10
Horizontal boring machines 10

trimming machines 15
Planing machines 10
Miscellaneous machine tools: jig boring machines, milling machines including die sinking machines, cutter & broach grinding machines, gear grinding machines etc. 500
Hydraulic presses for motor vehicle industry 15
Stamping presses 35
Hydraulic forging machines with multiplier 600-3,000 tons 12
Double action presses up to 250 tons 200
Locomotive and car wheel and axle mounting presses 400-600 tons 15
Friction presses 20
Stamping presses 20
Bulldozers 150
300 tons 27
Hydraulic eight stage presses for veneering furniture 43
Bent furniture manufacturing equipment 2 sets
Textile machinery 22.7 million
Food industry equipment 25 million
Paper making equipment 20.3 million
Furniture veneering presses 200
Frozen turbo-compressors with cooling equipment 20
Thermo-vacuum chambers 30
Timber motor carriers 300
Radio measuring instruments 20.8 million
Communication equipment and instruments 2.2 million
Control measuring laboratory equipment 20.65 million
Special motor cars and commercial equipment (refrigerators, stores, kitchen stoves, etc.) 20.72 million
Cable products 213.8 million
The total value of the Soviet requirements for machinery and equipment for 1954 is estimated at 1,000 million rubles.

Diplomat Studies Jap. Cooking

Tokyo, Feb. 15. The First Secretary of the Australian Embassy in Tokyo, Mr. A. B. Jamieson, is studying Japanese cooking at a Tokyo cookery school.

Japanese newspapers today featured a photograph of him clad in a white apron and surrounded by dishes and a group of Japanese girls.

Mr. Jamieson studied the Japanese language and history at a Tokyo university 20 years ago—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$551,977.50. Noon quotations and the morning's dealings:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
GOVT. LOANS
3½% (1948) 91½
3½% (1954) 91½
3½% (1954) 91½

BANKS
HSBC Bank 163 163½
East Asia 165
Union 165

INSURANCES
DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 7 7½
Provident (O) 13½

SHIPPING
Asia Nav. 145 150
K. Wharf 7 7½
Provident (O) 13½

LAND ETC.
HK Hotel 800 800 1000 810
Provident (N) 13½
Ethel Dock 810 810 2000 810

UTILITIES
HK Land 70½
Hampshire 1940 1950 100 20
Electric 217½ 220 300 217½

C. Light (O) 1500 1570 500 1560
C. Light (N) 1200 1270 100 1260
Electric 22 22½
220 21½
340 32
512 52

Macao Elec. 10.80
Sindbank 700 47½ 770
Light 660 770

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 21.20 1000 21.10
STOKES, ETC. 27.70 27.80 1000 27.80
Wahson 20 18.20
COT. 245 245 3500 245
Textile X All 245 245 3500 245

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New York Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 15. Cotton prices today spurted to the highest since mid-summer, then flattened out.

Buildup sentiment chilled when an upswing above the 84½ cent level set the signal for considerable rolling and increased hedge selling.

Closing prices ruled slightly above the previous close. The list closed unchanged to 7 points lower and down as much as 5 cents from the morning highs. New Orleans closed off 3 to 7 points.

Domestic mills and exporters milvined activity with buying orders at the opening and close, but in between time the trade demand lost much of the snap recently in evidence.

This nearby May contract touched 34.58 cents a pound, the highest level since last July 29 and up 37.70 a bale from the seasonal lowest just before the Christmas holidays.

Trading volumes in the Exchange today were as follows:—
Month Volume Open Interest
March 45,000 237,000
April 32,000 184,000
May 22,000 124,000
June 12,000 68,000
July 8,000 38,000
August 5,000 22,000
September 3,000 12,000
October 2,000 6,000
November 1,000 3,000
December 1,000 1,000
All months 142,000 720,000

CHICAGO GRAIN
FUTURES
Chicago, Feb. 15. Prices per bushel in cents:—
Closing
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**JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK**

Out Of Her Line

OVER the window of Alice's shop were the words "Dealer in Second-hand Clothes," and in the window itself was a nondescript display of old, castaway clothes.

There were faded party frocks that had once been proudly worn to the local palaces of dance by eager girls who now had grown out of girlhood, out of eagerness.

There were men's working suits with a glossy shine upon them, and children's things that had been left down to the last possible half inch before being discarded. And women's hats, whose shapes sketched the trend of fashion in South London for a decade and more.

THE CUSTOMERS

THE window - theme continued inside the shop, and there, in the frosty half-dark, behind a wide, low counter, Alice presided.

To her neighbours in the little streets around the Walworth Road she was much more than the notice over her shop announced. She was a friend, a comforter, a sharer of troubles.

For they came to her, as a rule, in moments of personal crisis, when death or some smaller disaster made ready earth an urgent and absolute necessity. And Alice gave them, as well as good value for the poor things they had to offer, a patient hearing of their troubles, and all her sympathy.

One morning, two boys came into Alice's shop. She knew the mother of one, and that his father had recently died.

'WE WANT SIX BOB'

"WE got some tools to sell," said the fatherless boy. "Well, I don't deal in tools as a rule," Alice said. But she knew things were going hard with the boy's mother, who had been in a few days before to sell some of her late husband's clothes. "Let's see 'em," said Alice.

"We'll fetch them," said the boys. They went off. Later they returned with a battered perambulator laden with old, grey, dusty tools.

"Well, how much do you want for them?" Alice asked. "They might do for my son. He's lost his."

'COME BACK'

"VERY well," said Alice, "leave them here, but you'll have to come back tomorrow for the money. I haven't that much in the shop." The boys called next day for the money, and went off well content. A little later in the day, Alice had two other callers. Two police officers. "Believe you bought some tools," they said. "Let's see them."

"I given some to me son," said Alice. "The rest's under that pile of clothes. What d'you want with them?" "These tools were stolen by two boys," the officers said. "How much did you give for them?" Alice told them. "Seventy-three tools, valued at £12, and you gave 6s. for them, eh?" The officers arrested Alice on a charge of receiving stolen goods.

'QUITE DIFFERENT'

AT the Lambeth court, next day, Alice pleaded not guilty, and when the boys, in turn, went into the witness box, Alice said to each reproachfully: "You never told me they were stolen, did you?" "Course we dint or you wouldn't bought 'em," the boys answered, paying unwitting tribute to Alice's honesty.

"I know the father of one was dead, and I was thinking of the kids," she said, when the prosecuting solicitor questioned her.

The solicitor rose to address Mr. H. W. Wightwick, the magistrate, but he declined to be addressed, and said: "I think this is quite different from the ordinary receiving case, where a man buys something from a man he does not know, in a pub. I shall dismiss this case." Alice slipped away, back to her shop, to wait for customers. Now she, who in her time had dispensed so much sympathy, needed company and sympathy herself, to get off her chest all she wanted to say.

Security Council Order Called "Unjust"

United Nations, Feb. 15.

Egypt charged tonight that a two-and-a-half-year-old Security Council order that she cease interfering with Suez Canal shipping headed for Israel is "unjust" and that the Egyptian government cannot respect it.

Dr Mahmoud Azmi, special Egyptian envoy to the United Nations, stated his government's position at a news conference after the Council had listened for one hour 58 minutes to arguments on Israel's complaint against Egypt.

In the Council session, Egypt contended that she has a legal right of search and confiscation of "war contraband" passing through the Canal. Dr Azmi, in elaborating on the Egyptian stand, said he was not convinced that the Security Council in September 1951 had studied the situation thoroughly and taken into consideration its legal aspects.

Dr Azmi commented on what he called big power domination of the Security Council. "The Security Council is dominated by the big powers, which have their own policies and interests," he said. "It is not a conception of justice, of truth, of real maintenance of peace, but their conception of their own interests, especially colonial or other interests, which must be the No. 1 conception."

NOT CONVINCED

"Egypt is not convinced that the decision of 1951 is really a just decision and does not want to respect it," he added that Israel did not respect the decisions of the Security Council, General Assembly or any other organ of the United Nations.

In his early statement to the Council, Maj-Gen. Abdul Hamid Ghaleb, Egyptian alternate representative to the United Nations, had asserted that Egypt's right of search and seizure was supported by the Constantinople convention of 1888 relating to the Suez Canal.

Dr Azmi, in the news conference, strongly indicated that Egypt might call a Cairo conference, that would exclude the United States but include Russia, to consider control of the Canal. He said the Constantinople convention was signed by Russia among others but not by the United States.

Dr Azmi said "events may lead" Egypt into calling a conference of the convention signatories to consider control of the Canal as provided in the treaty. "How would you like it," he asked an American reporter, "if your country was not included in such a conference but Russia was?"

Dr Azmi explained that the United States had been invited to sign the Constantinople convention at the time it was drawn but that it had never done so. He said the convention provided that free passage through the Suez be maintained. He added, however, that two articles of the convention—nine and ten—provided that the other clauses may be set aside "if the security of Egypt is in danger."

"Who will say when we are in danger?" asked Dr Azmi. "Naturally, Egypt herself." He began by saying that Egypt considered herself "not in a peace relation" with Israel. "We don't want to be in a war with Israel," he said. "We have no intention of taking revenge as has generally been said or written in newspapers. But we are not in a position to make peace."

He accused Israel of working "every day" to consolidate its armed forces. CAUSES FEARS "This causes some fear or some ideas that Israel wants to be strong to go out of its boundaries and make some extension," he said. He said he feared Israel had an expansion "complex."

"They are speaking loudly and clearly about Jordan," he continued. "They say, 'That is our land.'"

Dr Azmi said Egypt's fears of Israel's military intentions were responsible for the searching of vessels bound for Israel. "Egypt is convinced that the armistice does not prohibit her from taking these measures," he said. "An armistice is not a peace and relations are not peaceful between Egypt and Israel."

Speaking of the partition of Palestine in 1947, Dr Azmi said Israel had not abided by the provisions set down under that partition. "Concerning the internationalization of Jerusalem, Jerusalem is still not international. Israel continues to consider Jerusalem

her own territory. Despite the decision or the attitude of the powers in Tel-Aviv, the Israeli government insisted on moving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem.

"When Israel continues to make an affront and defy United Nations decisions, Egypt must ask herself, 'Why must I respect a decision which I consider unjust?'"

Dr Azmi was asked what he would take to satisfy Egypt that Israel had peaceful intentions. "That is a very clever question," he said. "I think it would be more clever to refer it to General Naguib." — United Press.

Molotov Breaks Up Meeting

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European plan had a redemptive element through its simplicity, but this simplicity is "deceptive." All projects, such as Mr. Molotov's, which had aimed at isolating Europe from the rest of the world, had "only tended to dominate Europe with the aim of dominating the world."

Many European countries including France and the Soviet Union had responsibilities which went beyond Europe. France could not see any real security until there had been a general reduction of armaments. Until then, she was forced to protect herself with other European nations in close alliance with the United States, whose intervention in European affairs twice during the last 40 years had been of "inestimable value."

M. Bidault asked Mr. Molotov if the Atlantic Pact system would be allowed to continue under his proposed pact, because apparently the East European chain of alliances was to be permitted to remain. — Reuter.

INVITATION

Berlin, Feb. 15. Mr. Molotov invited the Western Foreign Ministers here today to table concrete amendments to his project for a European collective security pact for withdrawal of occupation forces from Germany. The Soviet Union was ready to discuss all of them, he declared.

Mr. Molotov invited the West to suggest changes in clauses which the West believe are intended to pose a choice between a European security pact and an Atlantic pact. Mr. Molotov did not indicate that he would reconsider the proposal for withdrawal of occupation troops from Germany but invited the West to suggest changes in the control machinery which, according to his proposal, was to be set up until a peace treaty was signed.

He said he was ready to discuss even a suggestion to drop all forms of foreign supervision in East and West Germany. — Reuter.

Labourites' Big Need

London, Feb. 15.

The former Socialist Minister, Mr. Richard Stokes, said today that the Labour Party needed a "vigorous leadership" and stimulation at the top. Addressing an electoral meeting at Ipswich Mr. Stokes remarked that Labour had suffered a pretty bad week in the recent by-elections, during which a larger proportion of voters opposed Labour than in the past, but the Party really needed stimulation. "And we shall get it without a change," — *Times*.

HE'S A WOLF BOY



This is the picture of Ramu, the wolf boy, now on show at a penny-a-peek at a hospital in Lucknow.

Nine-year-old Ramu was found in the jungle weak and ill. His matted hair and emaciated body was criss-crossed with scars. Now he is being fed on cooked meat, porridge and fruit juices. He does not speak. He weeps and snarls. Sometimes he tries to bite the attendants.

He only shows interest when he is given raw meat—which he can smell before he sees it. He eats like a wolf, gnawing meat off the bone and swallowing it whole. He laps up water like a dog.

Evidently Ramu has never walked. The soles of his feet are as soft as a baby's. He moves around on elbows and knees. His fingers are claw-like. Ramu has been given massage. He can now straighten his right arm, but the left is still flexed.

Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, a British scientist who has examined him, believes the boy will never walk upright. — *London Express* photograph.

Squatters Move Into New Homes

At 8 o'clock this morning 10 families, who had camped under a verandah in Sai Yee Street for the last six weeks, pulled down their makeshift huts under the supervision of the Sanitary Department and were the first of 76 families to move back to Shek Kip Mei Village.

The fire victims tore their shacks down and were racing to go long before their transport arrived. They piled all their possessions in a lorry and with the air of "Mayflower passengers" started off to their village at 10.15 a.m.

Mr. W. Fogwill, Senior Health Officer, was in charge of the clearing operations. The rest of the 76 families to be moved today will be selected from Sai Yee Street, Fa Yuen Street and Wong Chuk Street.

AWED EXPRESSIONS

Arriving at the blocks of cement cottages at Shek Kip Mei Village, the families stood about with awed expressions and gazed at the two-story cottages with awed expressions.

Urban Council Resettlement workers received the families and allotted them their cubicles. There are 66 cubicles in each block and allotment of quarters was five adults to ground floor cubicles, four adults to the upper floor; rooms and children under 10 years of age were counted as one adult.

A long queue of would-be inhabitants lined up before a "10 Only" counter and paid the required sum with a smile. The money was for rent of one cubicle for the month of March. No rent was charged for the rest of this month.

Batches of seventy families will be moved daily till the streets are clear of fire victims.

Queen's Speech Rebroadcast

Tonight at 7.15, Radio Hongkong is rebroadcasting the speech made by Her Majesty the Queen when she opened the new session of the Australian Parliament in Canberra on Monday. This is being done as the benefit of those who may have been able to listen to the speech on Monday.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES

Further Crown evidence was taken when hearing of the case against Chan Tak-shing, alias Chan Wing-kai, 36-year-old Formosan, charged with obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud, continued before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning.

It is alleged by the Prosecution that the fraud was in connection with a shipment of 5,063 cases of tea supposed to contain 401,400 pounds of first grade Formosan green tea ("Chun Mee") sent by various ships to Casablanca. The allegation is that the tea cases in fact contained 192,000 pounds of inferior grade tea.

Leung Chi, odd job coolie, testified this morning that on July 21, 1952, accused asked him and other coolies to remove about 300 cases of tea from a godown to a lane near the Tai Ping Theatre, West Point. After the tea had been re-packed it was loaded on to a cargo boat.

Witness said he did a similar job of work for Kwong Tau (bald-headed) Lam on several occasions thereafter.

Earlier, Tse Kwong, a head coolie who used to work for the Chuen Lee Hong Import and Export Firm, told the Court that he carried out several removals of tea cases on the instruction of one of their foks, Pung Kwong-hung. On July 29, 1952, he unloaded 629 cases of tea from a junk on to the waterfront and after re-packing, reloaded the new cases on to the vessel.

Some days later he removed 300 cases of tea from the Kowloon Godown to a godown near the Tai Ping Theatre.

Accused is defended by Mr. Patrick Yu instructed by Messrs Hastings and Company. Mr. Simon Li, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspectors A. Clough and H.C. Hua of the Commercial Crimes Office.

Hearing is continuing.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6 Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Melody with the Stars; 6.30, BBC Bandstand; 6.40, The World; 6.45, News; 6.50, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.15, A Report on the First Rehearsal in the New Shek Kip Mei by Donald Brooker; 7.15, Her Majesty The Queen opened the New Session of the Australian Federal Parliament (Recorded London Relay); 7.30, Forces Favourites (London Relay); 7.45, Demi-heure Francaise (Studio); 8.30, "First Hearing" presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 8.45, The Signal Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Ryan, S.J.; 9, A feature programme written by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 9.15, The Signal Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Ryan, S.J.; 9.30, The Signal Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Ryan, S.J.; 9.45, The Signal Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Ryan, S.J.; 10, The Signal Musical Notebook presented by the Rev. Father T. P. 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